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Debra Savage Chairwoman Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Advocate Trinity Hospital's Proposed Replacement Hospital Project

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing on behalf of the Chicago Urban League to express our enthusiastic support for Advocate Trinity Hospital's proposed construction of a modern, state-of-the-art new replacement community hospital.

Our community has long recognized the critical need for enhanced healthcare services in our area. The proposed replacement hospital by Advocate Trinity represents a much-needed investment in the health and well-being of our community. This new facility will bring state-of-the-art medical technology and advanced treatments to our community, ensuring that all individuals have access to the highest quality of care.

Established in 1916, the Chicago Urban League helps people find jobs and establish careers, become homeowners, enhance their educational experiences, strengthen their leadership skills, and grow their businesses. We are also an advocate for strong, sustainable communities, including adequately addressing health equity. Our offices and the majority of the 15,000 people we serve annually are based on the South Side of Chicago. Advocate Trinity Hospital has been a strong and loyal partner, providing comprehensive healthcare services to our community for over 100 years. The replacement hospital will be designed to better serve all members of our community, including those who are most vulnerable.

We welcome the opportunity to support Advocate Trinity in improving the health outcomes of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting and important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Freeman-Wilson

President and Chief Executive Officer

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