



Thursday January 17th, 2025

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 Cara Collective to express our enthusiastic support for Advocate Trinity Hospital's proposed construction of a modern, state-of-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.

Cara Collective's mission is to build an inclusive economy by developing employment pathways to advance transformative individual and community success on the South Side of Chicago. We have more than 30 years of experience supporting individuals to attain gainful employment. Since our founding, we have placed and/or enabled the placement of **more than 9,500 people into over 15,100 jobs** in 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,

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