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Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in full support of Advocate Lutheran General's request for the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project #26-002.

As the State Representative of the 19th House District, I represent the far Northwest side of Chicago, and I have seen firsthand the essential role Advocate Lutheran General plays in delivering high-quality, comprehensive healthcare to many of my constituents. For many families in our community, Advocate is not simply a provider, they are a trusted partner in some of life's most challenging moments.

I am encouraged by Advocate's proposal to establish a Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC) that will expand Oncology services and consolidate cancer care into a single, centralized location. Patients often navigate multiple appointments, specialists, diagnostics, and treatment plans across different buildings and departments when undergoing cancer care. This proposal is an opportunity to bring cancer care services under one roof and improve the quality of patient care, and reduce the burden of having to access multiple uncoordinated services for our cancer patients who are seeking treatment at such a vulnerable time in their lives. It is my understanding that this project will also overall reduce the logistical and emotional burden faced by patients and their caregivers.

In addition to expanding clinical capacity, the new center will create dedicated space for supportive services, including Cancer Survivorship and Integrative Medicine programs. Cancer care extends well beyond chemotherapy or radiation. Patients and their loved ones often face major disruptions to their everyday and emotional lives as a result of a cancer diagnosis. As an advocate for mental health, it is my belief that mental healthcare is healthcare. These programs will offer those supportive services that are so critical to care for the whole person and their long-term recovery.

Strengthening access to high-quality cancer care in our region is an investment in the health and stability of our community. For these reasons, I fully support this project and urge the Board to approve Advocate Lutheran General's Certificate of Need application to create a Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. LaPointe".

Lindsey LaPointe
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