

April 2, 2026

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing in strong support of the development of a dedicated Observation Unit at Advocate South Suburban Hospital.

I have been practicing at Advocate South Suburban Hospital since 2013 and currently serve as the Medical Director and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, as well as the hospital's Stroke Director. In these roles, I have firsthand experience with the clinical demands of our emergency and inpatient services and a deep understanding of the hospital's vital role in meeting the healthcare needs of the surrounding south suburban community.

The proposed Observation Unit project addresses a critical need within our community and directly supports our continued commitment to delivering the right level of care to patients at the right time. A dedicated Observation Unit will help maintain appropriate emergency department patient flow, reduce reliance on inpatient beds, and allow for focused monitoring and evaluation of patients who require additional clinical assessment but may not need full inpatient admission.

The Observation Unit's proximity to the Emergency Department will enhance clinical collaboration, allowing emergency physicians to continue supporting patient care through diagnostic review, reassessment, and treatment when needed. In addition, the model allows for cross-training of staff and shared clinical teams, supporting workforce flexibility and the maintenance of high clinical competencies.

Based on my clinical and leadership experience at Advocate South Suburban Hospital, I strongly believe that the development of a dedicated Observation Unit will enhance patient care, improve operational efficiency, and better serve the needs of our community. I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Advocate South Suburban Hospital's Dedicated Observation Unit project.

Sincerely,

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