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March 31, 2026

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

RE: Support for Advocate South Suburban Hospital – Dedicated Observation Unit (Project #26-010)

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

As Mayor of the Village of Hazel Crest, I am writing in strong support of Advocate South Suburban Hospital's Certificate of Need application to establish a dedicated observation unit at its Hazel Crest campus.

Advocate South Suburban Hospital plays a vital role in the health and economic stability of our community and the broader south suburban region. Residents depend on this hospital for timely emergency care, specialty services, and continuity of treatment close to home. The proposed observation unit represents a smart, patient-centered investment that directly responds to the needs of our community.

A dedicated observation unit will allow patients who require short-term monitoring and evaluation to receive care in an appropriate setting without unnecessary hospital admissions or prolonged emergency department stays. This is especially important for our residents, many of whom face transportation challenges, chronic health conditions, or limited access to primary care. Improving patient flow and reducing emergency department crowding translates directly into better outcomes and a safer experience for patients and families.

The hospital's commitment of more than \$20 million signals long-term confidence in Hazel Crest and reinforces South Suburban Hospital's mission to serve this community for decades to come.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this application. This project will strengthen local health care access, enhance quality of care, and support the well-being of the people of Hazel Crest and the surrounding communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Alexander
Village President