



Advocate South Suburban Hospital

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John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62671

RE: Advocate South Suburban Hospital Project # 26-010

Dear Mr. Kniery,

This letter is to request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) defer consideration of the Advocate South Suburban Hospital Certificate of Need application to the July 21, 2026 meeting.

Due to a commitment affecting the availability of essential project leaders, we respectfully request to defer consideration of this project until the July Board meeting, when our entire team can be present. We remain fully committed to this project and look forward to presenting before the Board.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or Myndee Balkan.

Sincerely,

Jequeatta Upton Smith, MPH
President, Advocate South Suburban Hospital

cc: Blanca Dominguez, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Mike Constantino, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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