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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1306

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

RE: Letter of Support – Advocate Christ Medical Center (CON Project #26-019)

Dear Chairwoman Savage,
I am reaching out to respectfully request approval of Project #26-019 at Advocate Christ Medical Center (ACMC), which would increase ACMC's capacity to serve patients in our region.

ACMC is one of the busiest Level I trauma centers in Illinois and is home to numerous highly ranked specialty programs, as well as a nationally recognized intensive care unit. Its service area includes my district. Demand for medical-surgical beds has continued to grow due to the increasing complexity of specialty care patients. This modernization project would increase the number of Certificate of Need (CON)-authorized medical-surgical beds from 437 to 459 and increase the total number of hospital beds to 816, helping ACMC absorb this demand while preserving access to care across the region.

Additional medical-surgical beds are critical to addressing capacity constraints that affect patient flow and access to care more broadly. They are especially important during seasonal surges, public health emergencies, and unexpected increases in patient volume. Expanding medical-surgical bed capacity will help ensure that patients receive the appropriate level of care when they need it and will support the overall stability and resilience of the healthcare system.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project application so that ACMC can continue to meet the growing healthcare needs of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SCasten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Congressman Sean Casten
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6th District, Illinois