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Debra Savage, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

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Dear Chair Savage:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed inpatient obstetric services at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center. This project addresses one of the most pressing healthcare gaps currently facing our region.

Without local access to obstetric care, patients are forced to travel considerable distances for services, which can lead to delays in care and increased risks during pregnancy and delivery.

The addition of these services will improve accessibility, enhance continuity of care, and provide critical support for families in southern Illinois.

I strongly support this important initiative.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kim Mitroka'. Below the signature, the name 'Kim Mitroka' is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

President and CEO

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