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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (ALGH) is recognized as a Level I Trauma Center serving north and northwestern parts of Illinois. It also is designated as the "Presidential Hospital" by the Secret Service when the President is in the area. As a result, ALGH's emergency room receives a high volume of patients.

Unfortunately, its current ER facility is totally inadequate to meet their demanding needs as a Level I Trauma Center. Since the Park Ridge Police Department works closely with LGH Security, it has been brought to my attention by my staff how at times the ER is overcrowded. This overcrowding creates a public safety hazard for patients and staff.

This new renovation will address the overcrowding issue and make the space more conducive to public safety. Therefore, I support Phase I renovation and look forward to seeing these improvements.

Sincerely,

Frank Kaminski
Chief of Police

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