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**Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair**  
**Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board**  
25 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing in support of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's project to expand/reconfigure its emergency and surgical departments as part of its continuous improvement and evaluation activities. Lutheran General is a community resource that should be maintained and operated at the highest level.

While there is a closer and very good hospital to my home in Glenview, Illinois (Glenbrook Hospital) the scope and quality of Lutheran General led my family to have two of our children born there in 1987 and 1995. More recently, when my niece was hit by a car, the Emergency Response Team chose to bring her to Lutheran General because of its Head Trauma Unit's capabilities, rather than the closer hospital. I have been so enthusiastic about Lutheran General as a community resource that when asked to join the governing council, I accepted immediately.

In summary, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is a very important resource to the extended surrounding community and its continual commitment to maintaining a high level of excellence should be supported.

Sincerely,



Allan H Cohen, PhD.