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February 3, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: University of Chicago CON Application

Dear Ms. Avery,

As President/CEO for South Shore Hospital, I am writing in strong support of UChicago Medicine's plan to increase access to emergency, specialty and trauma care for patients on the South Side of Chicago.

Many in our community lack the resources needed to ensure a strong quality of life, and it takes a connected system of providers working collaboratively to lift up our community. Our organization shares UChicago Medicine's commitment to strengthening our community.

While UChicago Medicine has international reach, it is a local hospital to those who live on the South Side, and one to which our community wants greater access. When illness strikes patients on the South Side, UChicago Medicine is often the first choice for care, particularly when the illness is serious, or patients have urgent care needs.

I urge you to approve this bold plan to increase access to the care South Side patients deserve, and allow UChicago Medicine to provide the same access to care that other local academic medical centers provide their communities.

Sincerely,  
*Timothy A. Caveney*

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President/CEO  
South Shore Hospital