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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Dear Administrator Avery,

I am writing to express my strong support for the University of Chicago Medical Center's (UCMC) application to make a substantial new investment in patient care. As you may be aware, the Medical Center is a key provider of complex care on the South Side of Chicago and they are now proposing to increase access to that care in three important service areas: Specialty Care, Emergency Care and Adult Trauma Care.

UCMC seeks to modernize Bernard A. Mitchell Hospital, consolidate cancer care in one location and increase access to cancer, cardiovascular and specialty care. They also intend to better serve the community with a new state-of-the-art Emergency Care facility and thirdly, UCMC seeks to deliver a comprehensive approach to trauma care with the addition of a Level 1 Adult Trauma Care Center.

The addition of a level 1 adult trauma center, something that I have championed since 1999, has been identified as a critical need by many. Roughly half of all Chicago trauma cases occur on the south side of Chicago, but there is currently no adult trauma center located there. The addition of a trauma center will be a great asset for our community.

Since 1985, Chicago's south side community has also experienced a 54% reduction in inpatient hospital beds. UCMC's plan will add 188 new beds, increasing their total bed capacity to 805, thereby restoring the number of beds to 1980's levels.

I respectfully urge you to approve the University of Chicago Medical Center's plan that will support a new trauma center, a new adult emergency department, and additional beds to support the need for medical services.

Sincerely,

Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress

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February 5, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Re: Support for University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

As CEO for Chicago Family Health Center, 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. Chicago Family Health Center already works with UChicago to provide HIV testing and counseling in our service area. Chicago Family Health Center staff and I hope we can continue to partner with UChicago on projects like this one in the future.

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,

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