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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761-1146

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in strong support of the University of Chicago Medical Center's plan to increase access to care for patients on the South Side of Chicago. The plan includes a new adult emergency department, new inpatient beds to serve seriously ill patients, and a level I adult trauma center.

While the medical center serves patients from around the world, 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. The plan for new beds will allow the medical center to meet the growing need for inpatient care at the hospital.

Beyond impacting patients on the South Side, existing capacity constraints negatively impact our entire community health care system. Our community hospitals regularly seek to transfer their most complex cases to UChicago Medicine. But as UChicago Medicine grows fuller and fuller by the day, their ability to accept the patients from these community hospitals is limited.

The addition of a level 1 adult trauma center has been identified as a critical need by many in our community. Roughly half of all Chicago trauma cases occur on the South Side of Chicago, but there is currently no adult trauma center on the South Side. The addition of a trauma center will be a great asset for our community.

UChicago Medicine has worked collaboratively with our community to identify the unique health care needs of South Side patients. They have developed an integrated plan to meet needs in the service areas where the need is greatest: emergency care, specialized medicine and Level 1 adult trauma care.

I urge you to approve the plan that will allow the Medical Center to proceed with an important investment in our community.

Sincerely,

State Representative Christian Mitchell  
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**Network of Woodlawn**  
6320 South Dorchester Avenue, Room FC100  
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Chairman for the Network of Woodlawn (NOW), I am writing in strong support of the University of Chicago Medical Center's plan to increase access to emergency, specialty, and trauma care for patients on the south side of Chicago.

Many community members 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 University of Chicago Medical Center's commitment to strengthen our community.

While University of Chicago Medical Center 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, the University of Chicago Medical Center 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. It will allow University of Chicago Medical Center to provide the same access to care that other local academic medical centers provide their communities.

Sincerely,



Dr. Byron T. Brazier  
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February 15, 2016

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525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

The Illinois African American Family Commission is dedicated to advocating for the well-being of African American families and children across our state. It is through this mission that we proudly support UChicago Medicine's Get CARE plan and believe that its implementation will strengthen our community.

UChicago Medicine will make a significant community healthcare and economic investment through Get CARE. South Side residents will have increased access to world-class care right in their own backyard while experiencing a major economic impact. With Get CARE, UChicago Medicine is making a \$240 million investment on the South Side while creating 1900 permanent jobs and 400 construction jobs.

This investment will have a true and lasting affect on the African American community, improving the health status, workforce participation, and overall quality of life for South Side Chicago residents. We strongly encourage you to approve Get CARE in order to provide a better today and tomorrow for Chicago's South Side.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Holmes  
Executive Director  
Illinois African American Family Commission  
2925 South Wabash  
Chicago, IL 60616

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*The Mission of the Illinois African American Family Commission is to develop, evaluate, and advocate for public policies, plans, research and programs that will strengthen and preserve families, family economics, workforce participation, health status, safety, education and training, and quality of life for African Americans.*

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Re: Support for University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Chief Executive Officer for Christian Community 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.

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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.

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,



Kenneth Burnett  
Chief Executive Officer  
Christian Community Health Center  
9718 S. Halsted Street  
Chicago, IL 60628

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