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Attn: Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
2nd Floor, 525 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

University of Chicago Medicine,
Leif Elsmo, Executive Director, Community & External Affairs

To Whom It May Concern:

Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference supports the UC Medicine "Get Care" proposal. This proposal is a response to united voices in our community and the South Side of Chicago and is a major step toward addressing evident lack of healthcare resources and services. While there is much more to be done to ensure full and comprehensive health and social services, and access to them for all on the South Side, we applaud University of Chicago Medicine for this plan and ask that the IHFSRB grant swift approval.

Since 1949 Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference has served the needs of our community. This plan fits well with our vision of a caring community.

Cordially,

Timika Hoffman Zoller, President and the Board of Directors,
Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference.

April 19, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am president of the Bowa Group, a minority-owned and operated General Contractor and Construction Management firm that was established on the core principles of family, honesty, discipline, and quality. 'Bowa' means "build your own future" and with this in mind, our mission is to positively impact our community through the work that we do. That is why the Bowa Group is proud to support the University of Chicago Medicine's Get CARE plan, which will expand specialty care services and economic opportunity on the South Side.

Bowa has helped to build UChicago Medicine's Center for Care and Discovery and the centers for advanced care in Orland Park. We proudly built these facilities because they help expand and improve access to complex specialty care, a growing need in many communities. The Get CARE plan will continue this progress, increasing access to other specialty services such as cardiology, cardiac surgery, and orthopedic medicine for those who live on the South Side.

At \$269 million, Get CARE is also a significant economic investment in the community. The proposal would create more than 1,000 permanent jobs and 400 construction jobs, which are greatly needed on the South Side.

With UChicago Medicine as our partner, we want to build our own futures and better our community and we must do this through the Get CARE plan. Please approve the plan in its entirety.

Sincerely,



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President
The Bowa Group
7050 S. Stony Island,
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Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

As president of Black Contractors United, I represent many black-owned construction firms in the Chicago area. Many of our members have worked with University of Chicago Medicine to improve our hospitals and are part of the surrounding community. For these reasons and the future of healthcare on the South Side, we are proud to support UChicago Medicine's Get CARE Plan.

Chicago's South Side needs better access to healthcare services, especially Level 1 adult trauma care. There are far too many instances of trauma and violence in many South Side neighborhoods. By implementing Get CARE, in the most unthinkable moments, UChicago Medicine will be able to offer desperately needed, life-saving services.

In addition to adult trauma care, the plan will also offer increased specialty and emergency services that will serve the communities where our members live and work. They are taxpayers and skilled workers, small business owners and community leaders – our friends and neighbors. Get CARE directly impacts the quality of life of so many of our members.

Through Get CARE, UChicago Medicine will also invest \$269 million in the South Side community, while also creating more than 1,000 permanent jobs and 400 construction jobs. This is a much needed, impactful opportunity for our members.

South Siders deserve access to world-class medical services. Black Contractors United stands with UChicago Medicine in its effort to improve healthcare for its neighbors.

Sincerely,

Edward T. McKinnie
President

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