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August 23, 2016

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

We write in regards to Application 16-30 in support of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS) application for a new, functional and efficient outpatient and administrative office building to be located on the northeast corner of West Polk Street and South Damen Avenue in Chicago. CCHHS' application is scheduled to be considered at the September 14, 2016 Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board meeting.

The new building will allow CCHHS to significantly improve outpatient services, reduce operating costs, avoid costly capital renewals for dilapidated buildings, and increase clinical and administrative efficiency. The proposed new building relocates some functions from CCHHS' Fantus Clinic building, Polk Administration Building, and some administrative and conference space in the Hektoen Administration Building, all of which have far surpassed their useful lives.

The new building will enable CCHHS to offer a modern, functional and efficient facility for patients, staff and visitors for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael D. Amiridis in black ink.

Michael D. Amiridis, PhD  
Chancellor

Handwritten signature of Robert A. Barish in black ink.

Robert A. Barish, MD, MBA  
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs