Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago®

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BY E-MAIL
Mr. Mike Constantino
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Re: Letter of Support, Project 16 - 050
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago - Bed Expansion

Dear Mike:

Attached is a letter of support for the above referenced project. We request that the letter be included as written comments on Project 16-050.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Nanette Bufalino

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January 23, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Lurie Children's Bed Expansion, Project #16-050

Dear Ms. Avery:

I understand that Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago has submitted a Certificate of Need application to expand the number of neonatal and pediatric intensive care beds at its main hospital location. I strongly support this application and request that this letter of support be included in the public record.

As Alderman of the 2nd Ward, which includes Lurie Children's, I think it is essential that children from across the State of Illinois and surrounding region have access to the unique intensive care services that the hospital provides. Due to capacity constraints, the hospital had to deny more than 100 requests for transfer last year, and this is not acceptable. I have reviewed the bed expansion plans with senior leaders at the hospital, and I believe the plans are thoughtful and responsible.

Lurie Children's has been located in our neighborhood since 2012. The hospital and its staff have proven themselves to be respectful and engaged members of our community.

To ensure that Lurie Children's can continue to serve all of Illinois' children who need its specialized care, I fully support their application for a Certificate of Need and urge the Board to approve it.

Sincerely,

Brian Hopkins

Brian Hopkins
Alderman, 2nd Ward