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

Re: Mercy Hospital and Medical Center
Project # 16-057

Dear Ms. Avery:

I strongly support the modernization project at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. This project will renovate both the Intensive Care Unit and Behavioral Health inpatient services at the Hospital.

My relationship with Mercy Hospital began on May 17, 2015. While running a half marathon, I collapsed from a heart attack and went into cardiac arrest. I was in the ICU for 3 days and the CCU for 5 days. While I was in and out of consciousness in the ICU, my family affirms that the highest level of personalized care was provided. When the outcome was uncertain, every family member felt that I was in the best possible hands. The medical team's consistent communication made a difference for my family and me. Because of this positive experience, I selected a cardiologist and primary care physician from Mercy's outstanding team of doctors.

Mercy Hospital is a Safety Net hospital and has been serving Chicago's south side population continuously since it's founding as the city's first Hospital in 1852.

This project will modernize the 1960s facility and provide state-of-the-art environments for Intensive Care and Behavioral Health. These renovations will enable Mercy's staff to continue to provide the highest quality medical care to its patients.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Martin Mortimer

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**Re: Mercy Hospital and Medical Center**
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I have no objection to the modernization project at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. This project will renovate both the Intensive Care Unit and Behavioral Health inpatient services department within the hospital.

Mercy has been serving Chicago's south side population continuously since 1852, and has been a pillar of the community providing quality care for residents who often don't have access to healthcare resources.

Your consideration of this renovation project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sophia King
Alderman, 4th Ward