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Administrator Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I wholeheartedly support plans by Advocate South Suburban Hospital to modernize its facility in Hazel Crest. This proposal responds to the hospital's critical need to better serve its surgical, cardiac and endoscopy patients.

The citizens I represent depend on the busy Southland community hospital remaining a top-level facility that is able to provide the latest in treatment technology and expand to meet the growing needs of the communities in the region. Unfortunately, the current building has not been upgraded in 45 years. The majority of the operating rooms do not meet current minimum standards for size, which prohibits growth and installation of newer equipment, and the current cardiovascular center needs more flexibility of space to support the growing demand for interventional procedures.

The proposed modernization of South Suburban Hospital includes surgical and cardiac services and a renovation of existing space for endoscopy procedures. This will create a more efficient layout for patients, families, physicians and patient care providers.

I applaud Advocate South Suburban for continuing to expand and grow its services to meet the needs of the thousands of patients it treats annually. This project demonstrates the hospital's foresight in preparing for the future. I urge members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the institution's Certificate of Need application.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Hastings
State Senator, District 19