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

Re: University of Chicago Medical Center (UCMC) Application for Consolidated Medical Office Building Space

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write in strong support of the University of Chicago Medical Center's application to provide specialized outpatient care at 355 East Grand Avenue in Chicago. UCMC wants to combine and expand two of its existing downtown medical clinics. Under the proposal, a multi-specialty medicine clinic and gynecology clinic will be consolidated at the East Grand Avenue address. The new facility will include an immediate care center, multi-specialty physician office space, and diagnostic and treatment facilities.

UCMC is a key provider of complex care on the South Side of Chicago and across the metropolitan region. The Medical Center is one of the top volume Medicaid services providers, both inpatient and outpatient, in Illinois.

As the site of care has shifted in recent years to outpatient settings, UCMC's downtown locations have seen significant growth. The new facility will allow for more efficient treatment of a growing volume of patients in an area of the city that is experiencing rapid population growth. Patients will be closer to their doctors, and patients who do not have to travel as far for their care will be happier patients.

Sincerely,

Barbara Flynn Currie  
State Representative  
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