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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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August 28, 2018

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to support the University of Chicago Medical Center's application to provide specialized outpatient care at 355 East Grand Avenue in Chicago. UCMC is seeking to consolidate 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 the 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 (inpatient and outpatient) in Illinois. Currently, over 60% of UCMC admissions are Medicaid and Medicare, and over 70% of patient days consist of Medicaid and Medicare services.

As the site of care has shifted in recent years to outpatient settings, UCMC's downtown locations have been the sites of 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 more satisfied. Programs aimed at wellness and prevention will improve outcomes and lower costs.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian Mitchell".

State Representative Christian Mitchell
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