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

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Dear Ms. Avery:

The Cook County Health & Hospitals System is pleased to support the application for permit (#12-066) of Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. Advocate Christ serves as a linchpin for tertiary care and numerous other services for the Southside of Chicago and the southwest suburbs.

Over the years, we have referred many patients served by our Oak Forest campus to the Medical Center for higher levels of care. By all reports, they have received excellent clinical care and a sense that they were valued patients regardless of their race, creed or ability to pay. We are very appreciative of these services to our patients.

We at the Cook County Health & Hospitals System are aware that Christ's programs and services have outgrown their existing facilities and that the proposed expansion is necessary to continue to provide the advanced intensive care, medical/ surgical, obstetric, neonatal and pediatric services that serve all of the greater south and southwest Chicago area.

For the greater public health and service access in this region, I would encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Patient Tower project on the Christ campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raj", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ram Raju, MD  
Chief Executive Officer  
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