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May 13, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to express my support of the University of Chicago Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to add 38 inpatient medical/surgical beds.

The project is cost-effective because it proposes to re-open beds in existing rooms which were in use as of February, 2013, when the medical center opened its new facility and transferred inpatient capacity to that new building.

The additional capacity at the medical center would allow more patients who come into the hospital through the Emergency Room to be admitted to an inpatient bed more quickly. This will allow the Emergency Room to see more patients and avoid the kind of crowding that leads to diverting ambulances to other hospitals.

Access to care on the South Side of Chicago is important and I support this plan to help more people get care in their own neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Christian L. Mitchell
State Representative
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