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April 14, 2014

Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to support the University of Chicago Medical Center's (UCMC) application to convert two floors of shelled space in the Center for Care and Discovery (CCD) to inpatient floors.

The Medical Center's new hospital (CCD) opened in February 2013. Two floors were not initially built out. For UCMC to maintain exceptional standards of patient care and to meet the needs of our community, the space needs to be built out. The project will relocate 130 medical-surgical beds and 28 ICU beds from Mitchell Hospital to the CCD, increase the total number of ICU beds by 12, and expand ambulatory observation beds from 15 to 46.

The proposed project will enable UCMC to locate 92% of adult beds in the CCD, excluding obstetric beds, which means that more patients will be in close proximity to the advanced diagnostic, treatment and ancillary services available in the CCD. The inpatient rooms in CCD are spacious enough to comfortably accommodate families and visitors, numerous pieces of equipment and the number of provider who work at the bedside in a teaching hospital.

Sincerely,

Senator Kwame Raoul
13th Legislative District