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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As the Associate Chairman of the Department of Neurological Sciences, and Section Chief for General Neurology at Rush University Medical Center, I am writing in strong support of the Master Design CON for a new comprehensive outpatient building on the Rush campus.

As a neurologist seeing many outpatients in the office in the professional building as well as inpatients in our acute care Tower, I am concerned that the current configuration of ambulatory space is not conducive to the day-to-day care of our sick patients. A new consolidated ambulatory building will provide efficiency to the care of our patients and the convenience to our patients and their family members.

A new, efficient ambulatory care facility will also serve to better support our team-based care of all of our many patients with acute and chronic illness. It will also provide a unique ability for the members of my department (Neurology) to provide coordinated multidisciplinary care to our patients with very complex neurological illness. Our practice cares for patients from a variety of vulnerable populations, including Medicaid and charity care, and the new comprehensive outpatient center will be of great benefit to all of our patients, including those from vulnerable populations.

These are just a few of the critically important reasons that a new, consolidated comprehensive building will be of great benefit to having the providers at Rush University Medical Center provide the highest level of quality care, in all medical disciplines, and especially interdisciplinary care, that is so critical in the care of the many complex patients who seek their care at Rush University Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Steven Lewis MD

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