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Ms. Courtney Avery  
 Administrator  
 Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
 525 West Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Springfield, IL 62761

**RE: SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER**

Dear Ms. Avery:

As President for Roseland Medical District Commission, I am writing in strong support of UChicago Medicine's plan to increase access to emergency, specialty and trauma care for patients on the South Side of Chicago.

Many in our community lack the resources needed to ensure a strong quality of life, and it takes a connected system of providers working collaboratively to lift up our community. Our organization shares UChicago Medicine's commitment to strengthening our community.

While UChicago Medicine has international reach, it is a local hospital to those who live on the South Side, and one to which our community wants greater access. The hospital is the integrated and coordinated healthcare choice, where professional caregivers provide guidance on the path to recovery and overall wellness.

I urge you to approve this bold plan to increase access to the care South Side patients deserve, and allow UChicago Medicine to provide the same access to care that other local academic medical centers provide their communities.

Sincerely,

William W. Towns, MBA, Ph.D. Candidate  
 President