



"Promoting  
Unity  
In Our  
Community"



February 16, 2016

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

HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

Bright Star Community Outreach is dedicated to working with families and youth to prevent violence from occurring on the South Side of Chicago. We believe we have a shared responsibility as a community to empower residents, strengthen our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all who live here. That is why we are proud to support UChicago Medicine's plan to dramatically increase access to the care our community needs.

We live in a community that sees some of the highest rates of violence and traumatic injuries, yet there is no Level 1 adult trauma care on the South Side. There is an enormous need to solve this major problem, which is why we continue to advocate for these services.

And our health care needs go far beyond access to adult trauma care. Indeed, as hospitals on Chicago's South Side have closed and gotten smaller, our community's access to the specialty care they need has been reduced to the point where dramatic action is needed to reverse the tide.

Get CARE is the solution. In addition to caring for victims of trauma incidents, South Side patients will have equal access to specialty care and life-saving emergency care. I urge you to approve Get CARE and provide our community access to the care we need and deserve.

Sincerely,

*Pastor Chris Harris, Sr.*

"Doing What I Can; While I Can; With What I Have; Within HIS Will."  
Pastor Chris Harris, Sr. (PCH)

BrightStarChurchChicago.com - Pastor  
BrightStarCommunityOutreach.com - CEO

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As President and CEO of the Museum of Science and Industry, I am writing in support of UChicago Medicine's plan to increase access to emergency, specialty and trauma care for patients on the South Side of Chicago.

As a Hyde Park neighbor, MSI shares UChicago Medicine's commitment to strengthening our community. UChicago Medicine serves as a first choice of care for South Side patients, and this plan will increase access to critical care they deserve.

I urge you to approve this bold plan to allow UChicago Medicine the same access to care that other communities have.

Sincerely,

David R. Mosena  
President and CEO

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