



March 19, 2019

Office of the Governor  
Governor JB Pritzker  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Lake County Board Chair  
Chairwoman Sandy Hart  
18 North County Street, 10th Floor  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Re: Crisis Stabilization Unit at Lake Behavioral Hospital in Lake County, Illinois

Dear Governor Pritzker and Chairwoman Hart,

Lake Behavioral Hospital is in support of the proposed crisis stabilization unit in Lake County. As the county's only freestanding psychiatric hospital, Lake Behavioral Hospital provides a full continuum of psychiatric care to patients of all ages.

Lake Behavioral Hospital can further support access to mental health treatment by serving as a turn-key ready facility for a crisis stabilization unit. Elements of this unit would include 24/7 operations, police drop off site, medical clearance, triage connection to inpatient or outpatient services and detoxification services.

We fully support Lake County in the development of a crisis stabilization unit and stand ready to provide these services once reimbursement is in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "VChristoff", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

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