



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF ILLINOIS

August 27, 2020

Dr. Rupert M. Evans, Sr.
Board Chair
Roseland Community Hospital
45 West 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628

Dear Dr. Evans,

There is a grave disparity in healthcare in the state of Illinois as well as the city of Chicago. For far too long, access to healthcare in this state has relied on the color of one's skin and how much money they have, which is a simply unacceptable fact. I strongly believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and have made it a mission of mine as State Representative and Leader in the Black Caucus to not stop fighting until we accomplish equitable and affordable care for all residents of this state.

Drawing on these guiding principles, I wanted to express to you how grateful I am to have a leader like Roseland Community Hospital President Tim Egan fighting by my side for better healthcare for residents of our state. As a leader on the Legislative Medicaid Working Group, I have gotten to know Tim and appreciate the fierce dedication that he possesses regarding access to care for vulnerable populations.

As you know, running a community safety-net hospital is a nearly impossible endeavor and fighting for resources for underserved communities is not a time-limited effort, but rather an effort that continues ad infinitum. Thus, this work is not for the faint of heart or for those who crumble in the face of pressure or adversity.

The fierce advocacy exhibited by Mr. Egan is exactly what is required in times like these. I look forward to a future when legislators, local officials, and healthcare leaders across our state do not have to fight so hard for equal treatment for the communities we serve. But until that day comes, I hope that Mr. Egan does not relent in his tenacious pursuit of healthcare justice for all.

Please let me know if I can be of any service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Camille Y. Lilly".

Rep. Camille Y. Lilly, 78th District
House Chair, ILBC
Illinois Legislative Medicaid Workgroup