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Please accept the attached letter of public comment as additional support for the above subject project. Thanks.

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter to support approval of the Certificate of Need for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center, 11 North Washington Street (aka 11 West Benton Street & 15 North Washington Street), Naperville, IL 60540 by Randy Morris, M.D.

I was a patient of Dr. Morris (IVF1), from May 2010 through September 2010 and we loved everything about the practice except that the most important procedures during the IVF process were scheduled downtown Chicago.

In vitro-fertilization is an extremely trying and stressful time for all couples enduring the process. That said, having to factor in hectic trips into the city adds to the stress. When couples aren't familiar with Chicago; the commute, traffic and parking can contribute to an already very stressful and emotional situation. Adding a facility in Naperville for patients would help to avoid unnecessary stress and possibly contribute to a more favorable outcome for some couples.

Not only that, a new facility could offer cancer patients a close resource for fertility preservation procedures. I can speak from experience, when my husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer we had 72 hours before his surgery to preserve sperm. When you are faced with such a hardship, the last thing a couple wants deal with is searching for a reputable location for your needs. It would have helped a great deal if we could have had a close location under the circumstances.

Please consider Dr. Morris and my request for a new fertility center in Naperville for the best interest of couples who experience infertility.

Sincerely,

Melissa Rukel