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Mike -

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-Kara

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January 28, 2013

Dear Mr. Constantino:

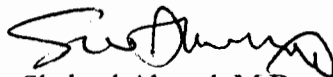
This letter responds to your January 22, 2013 inquiry regarding the status of the applicant entity, Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center. This entity was formed for the purpose of applying for a CON application and pursuing a license to operate a surgery center. It is not a provider of services and does not perform any surgical services. It does not hold itself out to the public as a surgery center or as an ASTC.

This limited liability company was formed in November 2011 (as Metroeast Surgery Center) when the applicant was going through the preliminary stages of filing a CON application. It is since filed a name change to Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center to reflect the more limited scope of services that are intended to be provided. As you probably know, IDPH has more limited building and design requirements for endoscopy centers. As an endoscopy center, this planned facility will be of a much more limited size compared to most surgery centers that provide a broad scope of outpatient surgical services.

Currently, my medical practice, the Center for Gastrointestinal Health, performs endoscopy services as part of its medical practice. In 2011, IDPH inquired with me about the scope of these endoscopy services. At that time I committed to filing the currently pending CON application. Unless and until that CON permit application is granted and I receive an ASTC license, the applicant entity, Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center will not provide surgical services, hold itself out as a surgery center or otherwise conduct business.

I apologize for any confusion. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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