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RE: Southern Illinois Gastroenterology Endoscopy Project  
Project #15-0651 *15-061*

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing in support of my friend and favorite gastroenterologist, Dr. Zahoor Makhdoom. Dr. Makhdoom is planning to open a licensed endoscopy center in southern Illinois. This is a service that, when available, will be greatly beneficial to my patients, and the citizens of southern Illinois. Many patients in our area remain uninsured or underinsured, making the cost of necessary colon cancer screening and other endoscopy services out of their reach. An outpatient option for these patients would most certainly increase their access to care.

Dr. Makhdoom has been my "go-to" gastroenterologist since he set up his practice in the mid to late 1990's. He has always provided high-quality, patient-centered care to all my patients. I have a great many indigent patients, and he has never hesitated to help me with a patient, regardless of their ability to pay. He cares for niece, nephew, aunts, uncles, and provided exemplary care for my late father-in-law. He has also done endoscopy on me, and I will personally use his endoscopy center when I turn 50 for my screening colonoscopy.

Please allow Dr. Makhdoom to proceed with his project. Feel free to contact me for further information at 618-833-4511.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing this letter of support for the proposed expansion of Dr. Zahoor Makhdoom's services while increasing the availability of outpatient endoscopy in Southern Illinois.

I have known Dr. Makhdoom for over 15 years. I had the privilege of working with him during my residency. I was able to see firsthand, not only his knowledge and skill, but also his compassion for his patients regardless of their ability to pay.

It is probably no surprise that after residency, I have referred many patients to Dr. Makhdoom. He is continually seeking ways to provide access to quality care for his patients.

I consider Dr. Makhdoom a colleague and a friend. He cares for several members of my family and I will seek his care when I am in need of endoscopy.

Please allow Dr. Makhdoom to proceed with his project.

Feel free to contact me for further information at 618-614-1400.

Sincerely yours,

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