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Karen J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

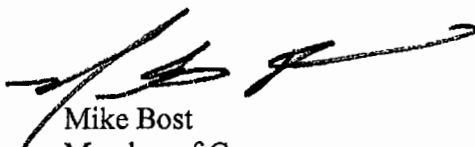
It is my distinct pleasure to write this letter of support for Dr. Zahoor A. Makhdoom and the Southern Illinois Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Center in their efforts to continue existing as a physician-office based endoscopy practice to a limited-specialty surgical treatment center in Carbondale, Illinois.

Dr. Makhdoom and the Southern Illinois Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Center provide the community an affordable means for colorectal cancer screening and prevention. Due to the needs of the population, including the reimbursements, have created a demand for endoscopy procedures to be performed in an office based setting. Education and advocacy societies such as the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy agree that many gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures can be performed in an office setting.

Patients and their doctors should have the right to decide on a location for endoscopic procedures that best meet the needs of the patient. By offering services in an office based setting, lower expenses associated with these procedures might entice patients to pursue screening earlier.

I ask that you give full and fair consideration to this application for Dr. Zahoor A. Makhdoom and the Southern Illinois Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Center. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate contacting my office.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress