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December 21, 2016

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street - 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Champaign SurgiCenter, Project 16-045

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to express my support for relocation and expansion of Champaign SurgiCenter which will more comprehensively address our community's healthcare needs. Replacing the existing ambulatory surgery center (ASC) and adding surgical capacity in Champaign will improve access to care for my patients.

I am a board-certified family medicine physician practicing at McKinley Health Center at the University of Illinois, and I am proud that our facility is the primary place serving our students and their healthcare needs. A nationally accredited, professionally staffed ambulatory care clinic, McKinley offers scheduled preventive services, as well as urgent care. Students benefit from our 24-hour Dial-a-Nurse, and we provide immunizations, allergy care, lab services, mental health support and so much more.

For more advanced care and access to specialists, our partnership with Carle Foundation Hospital brings peace of mind to parents and families who know their students are in good hands when advanced care is necessary. Carle is a patient-focused facility complete with skilled healthcare professionals using the technology and resources they need to provide world-class care.

When a patient needs specialty care or surgery, we refer to Carle Foundation Hospital and its surgeons because they offer the surgical services students most often need, including:

- Tonsillectomy and oral surgery services.
- Appendix and gall bladder removal.
- Other gastrointestinal procedures.

Not only will the ASC's expanded facility help more students get the care they need so they can recover well and focus on their studies, the new facility would help ensure quality care at the most reasonable cost to families.

That is why as a family medicine physician I am particularly interested in this project at Carle and I am in full support. I request the Illinois Health Facilities Board approve the Champaign SurgiCenter relocation that will help patients throughout the region and assure services are available to University of Illinois students.

Sincerely,

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