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Re: Support for Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, St. Charles (Project 17-057)

Dear Ms. Avery:

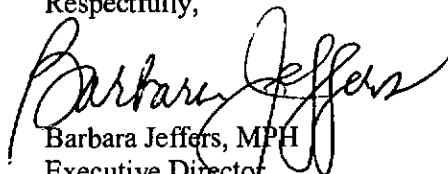
On behalf of the Kane County Health Department (the "Department"), I am writing to express support for the above-referenced Certificate of Need application filed by Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, L.P. ("VASC").

The Department's mission is to promote, protect, and advocate for health and wellness in the Kane County community. In 2013, the Department received national public health department five-year accreditation status – the first county health department in Illinois to achieve this status. The Department strives to increase access and improve health services for local residents, and that is why it supports VASC's proposal to relocate to a newly-constructed building with state-of-the-art design.

For 30 years, VASC has provided outpatient surgical care for Kane County residents from the same building. We have been informed by affiliates from VASC, that the existing building is now outdated and requires substantial improvements and modernization. Numerous doors are not ADA compliant, the building is not handicap-accessible, and as a two-story wood-framed construction, the building does not meet certain federal healthcare standards. In addition, current codes require sterile processing work space separated into clean and dirty instrument areas, unlike the existing building's design. The new facility proposed by VASC would comply with state and federal building and public health standards and industry best practices. In addition, it would be located close to the existing facility, making it convenient for patients and staff. Most importantly, it would improve the clinical environment for patients and provide a modern facility.

Accordingly, the Department supports CON Project 17-057 so that VASC may relocate to a newly constructed building – which will benefit Kane County and improve healthcare services for the community.

Respectfully,


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