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Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a board certified orthopedic surgeon on the medical staff at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, IL, I know first hand the challenges my fellow physicians and our teams face in an outdated department where many of the operating rooms are undersized.

While our patients are provided excellent surgical care, only two of the existing nine rooms are the size of today's industry standard. Renovating the facility would allow us to accommodate the latest equipment. It is quite cumbersome to maneuver in tight spaces with the equipment that is needed for orthopedic surgery and robotic cases. Cases that involve more technology require added space for booms and cables.

I kindly urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need request for modernization of the procedural services areas at Advocate South Suburban Hospital.

Sincerely,

Ram Aribindi, MD
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