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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: #18-031, Anderson Surgery Center, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am an Additional Contact for this project, which has been tentatively scheduled to be heard at the January 15, 2019, meeting of the HFSRB.

On behalf of the co-applicants, I am requesting an expedited review of this project and asking that it be heard at the December 4, 2018, meeting.

This request is based upon the following.

1. The co-applicants (1) wish to keep the project costs as low as possible, which necessitates being able to implement the project on the schedule proposed in the CON application, and (2) want to be able to meet the needs of the project's geographic service area as soon as possible by completing construction and initiating operation on the proposed schedule.

As you know, steel prices are increasing, and there are fears that construction prices are increasing. The co-applicants have been prudent in their cost estimates for this project and believe that an expedited review will permit them to meet their project timetable and to keep their costs in line.

2. Also, the city of Edwardsville plans to improve and extend road in front of the project site, and that work is more likely to be budgeted for 2019 if the CON project is approved in December, 2018. If the work is budgeted for 2019, it can be completed in time for the projected opening of the Anderson Surgery Center in early 2020.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea R. Rozran
President