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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street – 2nd Floor
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REGARDING: Project #18-031 (Anderson Surgery Center, LLC – Edwardsville, IL)

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a business association dedicated to a strong, private-sector regional economy, the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce strongly supports establishing the Anderson Surgery Center in Edwardsville.

Development of this project is critical to serve the healthcare needs of residents throughout our market, allowing patients access to physicians from SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis with the convenience of having services provided locally. Edwardsville's central location and 'county seat' positioning make the town ideal for such a facility. Further, establishment of the Anderson Surgery Center will support patients with quality medical care regardless of their financial means or insurance status.

Anderson Hospital has served our region since 1977, treating more than 90,000 patients on an annual basis – approximately one-third of Madison County's total population, according to 2015 U.S. Census Bureau data. Anderson Hospital's impact is evident across multiple Metro East communities, and we look forward to this expansion of the hospital's services and capabilities.

For more than three decades, Anderson Hospital has been a major partner and investor in our organization. We recognize the need for development of the Anderson Surgery Center. We appreciate the significant positive impact Anderson Hospital has on our communities, along with the quality and health of residents' lives. And we proudly support Anderson Hospital's establishment of the Anderson Surgery Center in Edwardsville.

I welcome the opportunity to engage should you have follow-up questions. I can be reached at ceo@edglenchamber.com or 618.656.7600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DBennyhoff".

Desiree Bennyhoff, IOM, ACE
President & CEO