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February 13, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Ophthalmology Surgery Center of Illinois, Itasca (Project No. 18-047)

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am proud to serve as the Mayor of Itasca, a vibrant village located 20 miles northwest of Downtown Chicago. I write today to express my support for the proposed Ophthalmology Surgery Center of Illinois to be located in my community.

Like many communities in the country, Itasca is home to a growing baby boomer population. Itasca has much to offer this group, but we want to also prepare for the health care services area seniors will require in the future. As you know, along with age comes an increased risk of developing visual impairments, and many such issues, such as cataracts, can require surgical intervention to preserve vision. The proposed surgery center will help meet current and future needs for ophthalmology surgical services in our community.

Among other area surgery centers, very few provide ophthalmology and laser eye procedures because they lack the specialized equipment needed. Itasca's central location in the region, makes it an ideal location for this type of specialized medical center. Our town's proximity to I-290, I-390 and I-355 and Metra ensures that patients from all over the region have access to advanced ophthalmology services.

On behalf of the Village of Itasca, I appreciate this provider's efforts to increase access to ophthalmology services for my community. I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Ophthalmology Surgery Center of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bruyn
Mayor of Itasca