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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 (Project No. 18-047)

Dear Ms. Avery,

Please accept my letter and support for the pending application to open Ophthalmology Surgery Center in Itasca, Illinois. This Center will help treat the patients of Kovach Eye Institute, a well-established practice with two locations in DuPage County that provided care to over 27,000 patients in 2018 alone.

It is my understanding that in addition to private insurances, this project will also service the eye surgery needs of Illinois Medicaid patients. As the largest Medicaid provider of eye and vision services within the Chicago metropolitan region, the Illinois Eye Institute of the Illinois College of Optometry supports Project No. 18-047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard V. Messner".

Leonard V. Messner, OD
Vice President for Patient Care Services
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Executive Director
Illinois Eye Institute

cc. Mark K. Colip, OD
President
Illinois College of Optometry

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