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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Dear Health Review Board:

I fully support the request by Associated Surgical Center to add Orthopedic Surgery as a new specialty.

I am on the Medical Staff of this surgery center and can attest to the high quality of patient care. I am a board-certified General Surgeon and doubly-boarded in Colon and Rectal Surgery. I am an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I am well published and have lectured here and abroad. I am also the Editor-in-Chief of the Springer-Nature journal "Techniques in Coloproctology."

I am proud to treat my patients at Associated Surgical Center. I think that the orthopedic surgeons who want to join our medical staff will be equally pleased with experienced anesthesia, nursing and support staff already available at the surgery center. We have excellent patient clinical outcomes. Our patients are very satisfied with their care and the individualized attention provided by our team.

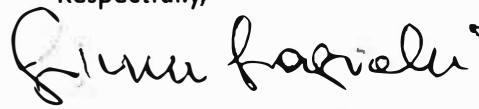
Adding orthopedics will complement the high level quality Colorectal, General, Gastroenterology, Plastic, Podiatry and Pain Management specialties already on staff. It will also allow patients to be treated by well-regarded orthopedic surgeons without having to travel to their current downtown offices.

The request makes sense and has a very low cost when compared to building a separate orthopedic center. The building is already here, new large operating rooms are already here, the staff are already here and the center is both Medicare-certified and fully accredited, including being one of the first surgery centers to be "Globally Accredited."

Adding more surgeons to this new surgery center will also increase utilization which will help keep down the cost per patient to provide the highest quality level of care. Because much of the major equipment such as Operating Rooms, Recovery Beds and C-Arm are already present, the cost to add Orthopedics will be much lower as opposed to the alternative of Orthopods starting their own new surgery center.

I ask that you support Associated Surgical Center's project to add Orthopedic Surgery.

Respectfully,

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

*Giuseppe Gagliardi, M.D., FACS*

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