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**SERVICES REVIEW BOARD** 

March 22, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center

Project 19-009

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write today to express my support for the addition of orthopedic surgery to the services available at Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center (RASC). As President of Olivet Nazarene University, I am keenly aware of the need for high quality, cost effective health care for our faculty and staff, our students, and all residents in our community.

Olivet works closely with Riverside Medical Center and area providers as we train students in nursing and other healthcare professions. As a long-standing provider of surgical services in our community, I was pleased to learn of RASC's plans to expand its permitted services to include orthopedic surgery. I have been advised that this can be accomplished with no construction or substantial capital investment.

I look forward to the addition of orthopedic surgery at RASC and kindly request the Review Board's favorable request on their application.

Sincerely,

John C. Bowling

President