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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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 am pleased to provide this letter of support for the application of Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center's (RASC) application to add orthopedic surgery at their facility. It is my understanding that the addition of orthopedic surgery to RASC will not require any construction or expansion of their facility. This provides an option to immediately expand accessibility of a core surgical service to the greater Kankakee community. Moreover, it makes orthopedic surgery available in a setting which statistically has lower infection rates and is more cost effective than hospital-based surgery.

Communities benefit from the availability of high-quality health care services. The opportunity to expand orthopedic surgical treatment without a substantial capital investment should be supported.

I ask that the Review Board give careful consideration to the the Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center application for orthopedic surgery and act to recommend its approval. I am available to respond to any requests for further information regarding my support for this project through my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toi W. Hutchinson".

Toi W. Hutchinson  
State Senator – 40<sup>th</sup> District