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

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re:

Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center

Project 19-009

Dear Ms. Avery:

I serve as the President & CEO of the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce. In that role, I advocate on behalf of the County and its businesses and residents. I was pleased to learn of the plans of Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center (RASC) to add orthopedic surgery to its available services. I take this opportunity to provide this letter of support to their certificate of need application.

High quality, accessible and efficient health care service is an important component to a thriving and prosperous community. Our area has been blessed with excellent health care providers. The opportunity to increase orthopedic surgery service at a well-established surgery center, is a proposal worth implementing, particularly when it can be done without any new construction or substantial capital investment.

In close, I reiterate my support for the RASC application to add orthopedic surgery and request that the Review Board make a favorable recommendation on its application.

Sincerely,

Barbara Brewer Watson

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President & CEO