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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: Letter of Support for Blessing Hospital's Certificate of Need for Relation of its  
Ambulatory Surgery Treatment Center (ASTC)

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Gary Gillespie. I am the Vice President & General Manager of Gardner Denver's, Industrials Group, located in Quincy, Illinois, USA. For more than 155 years, Gardner Denver has been a leading global provider of air compressors, blowers, and vacuum pumps, with customers in various segments of population from doctors to drillers, and from every corner of the world.

The relocation and modernization of the Ambulatory Surgery Treatment Center is the next evolution of this service. Blessing Hospital has consistently maintained contemporary services in our community. I support the relocation of the ASTC to the Blessing Hospital campus, which will make it easier for patients to identify that Blessing Hospital is providing the service – since it will be on its campus and not in the middle of a Quincy Medical Group medical office building. Accessibility to better parking will also benefit ASTC patients. By enabling Blessing to effectively complete – particularly given the recent approval of a new ASTC in Quincy – competitive pricing will also benefit both patients and employers in our community.

As a business leader in our community, I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this request.

Sincerely,



Gary Gillespie  
VP/General Manager  
Gardner Denver  
Industrials Group – Americas