

November 12, 2019

Richard Sewell, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support of IHFSRB Project #19-043

Dear Mr. Sewell,

As a Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center (the ASC) patient, I'm writing to encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the ASC's request to allow new specialist physicians to get on staff and provide care to Fairview Heights patients without having to travel to Missouri for specialty surgical care. The ASC is an important component of access to services in the area, as patients often leave Illinois to obtain care in St. Louis. By expanding the scope of services available at this center, patients like me will be able to obtain lower cost, high quality surgical care in their home state and closer to home.

I have nothing but nice things to say about the staff and facilities at this center and am in full support of its plan to add surgical specialties.

I urge the Planning Board to approve the expansion plan which will improve access to care in the community.

Sincerely,

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