

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 for Expansion of Metroeast Surgery Center

Dear Mr. Sewell,

I'm reaching out to express my support for the proposed addition of specialties at Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center (MESC). With St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Physicians' Surgical Center both relocating from nearby Belleville to O'Fallon, Illinois, it is critical that MESC add podiatry, pain management, ophthalmology and orthopedic surgery services to ensure the needs of surgical patients in Fairview Heights and Belleville are met.

Also, as the population in my community continues to age, demand for surgical services will no doubt increase as well. It is vital that MESC is able to provide a broad array of specialties to address more of these ailments and treat the entire individual.

I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board to approve this important project to support access to high quality, cost effective surgical care.

Respectfully,

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