



GRACE CHURCH

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to write in support of the Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center's request to add new health services to its location Fairview Heights. We recently learned of MESC's plan to add orthopedic, pain management, podiatry and ophthalmology services to the current services provided. Through the years, MESC has been a stable and excellent provider of health services in this community. MESC continues to be a great resource to the families of our community including some of the members who (probably) attend our church.

MESC accepts most insurance plans and does not refuse care to the uninsured or under insured. MESC and its staff seem to have a genuine sense of community and has a reputation of providing exceptional care at lower cost than the same services offered in a hospital setting.

We at Grace Church wholeheartedly support the addition of these services proposed by MESC. Our campus is within a block of MESC and we see firsthand the value MESC provides to many people. At Grace Church, as is true in the community at large, families want the opportunity to select healthcare in a setting that provides excellent quality, and is not cost prohibitive. Based on MESC's undeniable impact and long-standing presence in Fairview Heights we anticipate a favorable decision for these additional needed services.

Sincerely,

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