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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

January 14, 2020

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Services Review Board,

This purpose of this letter is to document my support for Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center (MESC) in order for them to provide expansion of their services to include; orthopedics, podiatry, ophthalmology, and pain management services and to request that the board give their application favorable consideration. These expanded services would be a much needed and welcomed addition to the services already offered at this innovative and outstanding facility. This facility can offer cost savings and convenience for our mutual patients. Because MESC has provided more timely consultations and outstanding care to our patients in the past, I am very enthusiastic that our patients would benefit from these additional services at MESC. Additionally, their facility has established a great reputation and track record for quality care.

I have had the opportunity to refer patients to MESC and have been impressed by the prompt and courteous patient care services they have received as reflected in positive feedback from both patient and patient family testimonials. The surgery center delivers excellent and timely care for each patient and has always been and will continue to be an integral part of the healthcare network here in the Metro East. Specialty services are in great demand by my patients, so by adding these services to MESC there will be greater access to specialty care for my patients who currently have unacceptable delays in referral waiting periods.

The majority of my patients are Medicaid recipients thus have had problems with prompt access to regional specialists. The MESC has helped alleviate this problem because they have managed Medicaid contracts. Therefore, I overwhelmingly endorse the expansion of their patient care services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of additional assistance in your review process. My office number is 618-337-2597 and my exchange number is 618-398-9666.

Sincerely,

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