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July 30, 2020

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for Lincoln Park Gastroenterology Center - Project No. 20-012

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I write in support of the application by AMITA Saint Joseph Hospital ("ASJHC") and the participating physicians to convert hospital endoscopy suites to surgical center endoscopic suites.

Under this Project, AMITA proposes to take four of its current GI suites licensed for the hospital and convert this area into a joint venture Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center with area physicians. I understand this is a forward-looking model for gastroenterology that the State of Illinois should be encouraging and it would provide the exact same care, at significant savings to patients, without increasing the inventory of GI procedure rooms.

I have been serving the 44th Ward for over 17 years and AMITA Saint Joseph Hospital is a valued member of our community. I have supported their expansions and upgrades throughout my tenure as Alderman and am happy to lend my support to this request. I encourage the Board to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tunney
44th Ward Alderman