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LATOYA GREENWOOD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
114TH DISTRICT

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Illinois Facilities and Healthcare Review Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the addition of Orthopedic Surgery to the Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, (MESC) in Fairview Heights. MESC has been a benchmark of medical care and provided excellent patient care nearly twenty years here in the Metro East, for many of the constituents served in my district.

The socio-economic status in our District, 114, ranges from families living well below the federal poverty level to those living 200 percent above the federal poverty level. Regardless of socio economic status of the families I serve, quality, affordable healthcare is a consistent request of those discussing and seeking medical services. Cost of healthcare continues to be an extremely important topic of conversation of both consumers and payers of healthcare services. The charges at MESC are significantly lower, nearly 50%, than the same hospital-based services. Patients benefit and the insurers alike benefit from services being provided at ambulatory care centers. My office is in full support the addition of Orthopedic Surgery to MESC and appreciates the services already provided at facility.

The families in my district demand both quality and cost-effective alternatives for all of the healthcare services they require. MESC provides both. We look forward to a favorable decision in adding orthopedic services to the scope of services at MESC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Latoya Greenwood".

The Honorable Latoya Greenwood
State Representative of the 114th District