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Via Overnight Courier

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
25 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Algonquin, Project No. 20-038

Dear Ms. Avery:

In normal times Advocate Sherman Hospital would be requesting a public hearing on the project referenced above. Out of concern for the health of the community, Review Board staff, and others, we have determined not to request a public hearing. We have treated far too many COVID-19 patients and do not want to put others at risk. We did not want, however, the Board to interpret lack of a hearing request as our hospitals' lack of concern about the considerable negative impact the project would have on area facilities.

We request instead that the State Board Report reflect that we would have timely requested a public hearing but did not do so only out of contagion concerns for participants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Trent Gordon