

December 17, 2020

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Attn: Courtney Avery, Administrator
525 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761



Dear Administrator Avery:

We are proud to provide this letter of support for our long-time supporter, OrthoIllinois for their application to build a surgery center project in Elgin.


The Northern Illinois Food Bank is the source of nutritious food, innovative feeding programs, and hope for more than half a million people each year. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a goal of solving hunger in our 13-county service area, we rely on our generous donors, volunteers, and community partners – the local food pantries and feeding programs, food manufacturers and retailers, companies, foundations and individuals who join with us in our vision for no one to be hungry in Northern Illinois.

This year will mark the 17th year OrthoIllinois has participated in donating to our efforts. In total they have raised more than \$500,000 for Northern Illinois Food Bank. The funds raised are used to support our Backpack Program, which addresses childhood food insecurity to help students learn and grow to their full potential. The Backpack Program provides children with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food over weekends when they are not in school and access to food is limited.

Northern Illinois Food Bank is grateful for the generosity of our donors like OrthoIllinois, and without their support we would not be able to continue serving our communities. We are excited to see OrthoIllinois continue to expand in Elgin and look forward to working with them in the future. Their success and our continued partnership will help us achieve our mission to solve hunger.

I strongly endorse this project and hope the Board will approve the CON request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Yurko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "J" and "Y".

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