



The Elgin Woman's Club
Founded 1887
Elgin, Illinois



Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
25 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Orthollinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC
Project No. 20-040, Letter of Concern

The Elgin Woman's Club, founded in 1887, chose as its first community development project to open and operate a much-needed hospital to serve Elgin residents. In July 1888, the doors of Sherman Hospital opened.

From day one, equal access to quality health care has been a driving force of the hospital's contribution to the greater Elgin area.

With the construction of an Orthollinois Surgical Center across Randall Road from the Advocate Sherman current hospital site, that equal access to quality health care is put in jeopardy. All residents of the greater Elgin are not guaranteed to receive access without the wealth or insurance coverage that Orthollinois, as a private health provider, sets as their acceptable entry level. Orthollinois will have the corporate right to say, "No."

Nor only does this ability to refuse to take every potential patient deny access to that patient, it also drains paying customers from the Advocate Sherman surgery schedule putting the hospital in far greater financial straits, as Sherman does not have the ability to say "no" and thus will be the refuge for the patients now accepted by Orthollinois.

As the founding organization of public health access in Elgin, IL, the Elgin Woman's Club Board of Directors and Membership strongly oppose certification of the Orthollinois request.

Please do not make equal access for all less available to all.

Sincerely,

Audrey Gilbert, Secretary
The Elgin Woman's Club