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Re: OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC
Project No. 20-040, Letter of Concern

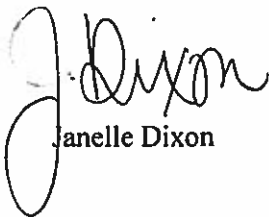
To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Elgin, Illinois and a Board Member for the Advocate Sherman Hospital ("Sherman"). As a board member I appreciate its ability to serve the community around it. Sherman serves as a safe haven for our residents and ensures that our community stays healthy. Annually, Sherman provides uncompensated care for those who need it the most. As you know, uncompensated care is only available if Sherman is also able to serve insured patients.

OrthoIllinois is a for-profit organization. As such, it has no obligation to the community and has no obligation to serve the many at-risk patients that reside within this community. If OrthoIllinois is permitted to open, its operation would substantially impact Sherman's ability to perform these procedures which help cross-subsidize the losses Sherman incurs from providing low and no reimbursement services.

For these reasons, I implore you to vote against this surgery center. The community deserves to know that they will receive care regardless of their financial status. Sherman wants to be around to provide that care, but can only do so when it is able to perform procedures, such as orthopedic surgeries, which, in turn, cross-subsidize the uncompensated care it provides annually.

Sincerely,


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