



Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor
Office of the Mayor

June 4, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am honored to offer this letter of support for the OrthoIllinois ASTC project in Elgin.

As Mayor of Rockford, I know firsthand the good work OrthoIllinois has done in my community and the region. They are leaders in our community providing both world-class medical care and serving as generous supporters of numerous non-profit organizations in the community. The practice currently operates a surgery center in my community together with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, which has increased access to safety net care for residents in our community who have issues related to pain management and orthopedic conditions.

What impresses me most about OrthoIllinois is their commitment to providing service to all those who need it regardless of their ability to pay. I know this project will create much-needed construction jobs in the short-term and additional high paying jobs in the medical sector in the long term. The economic growth for our state at this critical time is much needed. This project both helps economy and improves access to health care at the same time.

OrthoIllinois is a home-grown company from Rockford with dozens of physicians providing care needed both in our area and in Elgin. Projects like this one are important as they will continue to help drive down the health care cost curve and improve patient health outcomes. OrthoIllinois is already doing it successfully here in Rockford and their growth in the region benefits all of us.

I strongly endorse and support this project, and would be happy to provide additional information to the Board about OrthoIllinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. McNamara".

Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor, City of Rockford