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

**Re: OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Elgin
Project No. 20-040, Letter of Opposition**

Dear Ms. Savage:

We jointly submit this letter to reaffirm our continued opposition to the above-referenced OrthoIllinois' CON application in unity with the many locally elected officials and prominent community leaders who have spoken out against it. As city-wide elected officials in Elgin, we can attest that community sentiment does not favor this Project, which: (a) represents an unnecessary duplication of services; (b) fails to meet any of the criteria for establishing a new ASTC; and (c) will adversely impact three area hospitals that provide the sort of safety net services that the applicants have not and will not render. The net effect on Elgin residents will be negative.

We join our local State Senators in respectfully asking that the Review Board enforce its regulations that require applicants to disclose a project's revenues by payer source, and subject these applicants' claims about substantial "public pay" and "Medicaid/Medicare" patient volumes to the close scrutiny they deserve. Misleading rhetoric should not be rewarded.

In its "additional information" letter of June 8, 2021, the applicants assert: "*The Applicants have documented both significant community and patient support for their project...*" This assertion does not reflect the reality on the ground in Elgin. Even a cursory review of the online project file will confirm that community sentiment runs against this CON application. As locally elected officials with a pulse on the community, we hope you will appropriately weigh our observations in this regard. We also hope you will reject this Project No. 20-040.

Very truly yours,

Corey Dixon
Elgin City Councilmember

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