



## **GRUPO DE DANZA FOLKLORICA QUETZALY**

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
25 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Rr: OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC  
Project No. 20-040  
Letter of Opposition

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Erika Gasca. I serve as the President of the Grupo Danza Folklórica Quetzaly – a traditional Folkloric Mexican dance organization serving the Elgin area. As the President, I work with mostly underprivileged families and youth who predominantly live in Elgin. Many of the families I deal with can hardly afford medical care and some cases end up at local medical facilities seeking important medical procedures that our hospitals are willing to offer for underprivileged people.

I have seen no need for a specialty for profit surgery center. It gives me pause to think that an organization like OrthoIllinois whose existing facility has provided little to no care for indigent patients has come into our community to establish a surgery center. In fact, this entity's history has not demonstrated, through its actions, that it genuinely cares about providing safety-net or charity care services to underprivileged patients.

Our community deserves better and allowing this organization to open in my community is disturbing. For these reasons, I would strongly oppose this entity setting up in our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly,

Erika Gasca, President  
Grupo De Danza Folklórica Quetzaly