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

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Pedro Gomez. I've been a pastor in the Elgin community for several years putting Christ into action by serving those most in need. Since the beginning of our ministry, our mission has been to eradicate homelessness, hunger and poverty in our community. I have fought long and hard to take care of those most in need and a person's health care needs are only second to food and shelter.

Without accessible health care we further perpetuate cycles of inequality by denying those most indigent the care they deserve. Orthollinois claims that it will provide care 40% of government payor sources (Medicare), which they equate to indigent care. Medicare is not indigent care. What is most disturbing is that Orthollinois from 2017-2019 did not treat a single charity care patient at their Rockford facility.

Their past actions and unwillingness to serve those in need is disturbing and it will have lasting negative consequences in our community. I hold strong reservations about this organization's true intentions based on their troubling past in not serving those in need. I hope that you and the board will make the right decision and deny this organization's application.

Respectfully,



Pastor Pedro Gomez

House of Restoration Community Outreach