

July 7th, 2021

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

RE: OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC

Project# 20-040, Letter of Opposition

Chairwoman Savage,

My name is Dustin Good and I was recently elected to the Elgin City Council to serve as an advocate for this community. I was born in the old Sherman Hospital, graduated from U-46, went to Elgin Community College—I grew up here. My civic involvement has included serving on the Elgin Strategic Plan Advisory Committee and the Downtown Neighborhood Association. And, in everything I do, my ethos is community-first always.

In reviewing the issue of this proposed OrthoIllinois ambulatory surgery center, I am concerned that this project would not drive much community benefit—especially for those who are uninsured, undocumented, and in need of care. As you may know, Elgin has a thriving and growing Latine community, of which my wife Stephanie Good-Salas is a part. To ensure that everyone can lead long, healthy, happy lives, we need to make sure that health care providers in the region have a commitment to inclusive care.

In looking at the application, it looks like the applicant does not have a strong history of being payer agnostic.

While serving 2% Medicaid and zero charity care patients may be acceptable to some, that is not acceptable to me when we have high-quality orthopedic providers in the community already with a demonstrated commitment to serve everyone and ample space to accommodate patient volumes.

Respectfully,

*Dustin R. Good*

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Elgin City Counsel

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