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

Dear Ms. Savage,

My name is Steven Kroiss, and I am a City of Elgin resident, Elgin Business Owner in the ever-growing technology sector. Besides my role as a business owner, I am also heavily involved in the community that I care for greatly. Currently, I serve as the President of the Board for the Downtown Neighborhood Association, which is the equivalent of a chamber of commerce, a Board of Directors for PADS of Elgin (a homeless shelter), and as a City of Elgin Sustainability Commissioner. Dividing my time between all of these organizations is not an easy task but it gives me the ability to provide a distinctive community perspective on the very issue in front of you in which you must make a decision.

My life surrounds Elgin and while I want to see Elgin grow, we must be strategic with our expansion and ensure that we are setting ourselves up for success. A massive portion of this community is supported and based around the success of the health care industry. For a company, such as Orthollinois, that is not able to even fulfill a 50% capacity with the existing relationship shows that there isn't a good business case to warrant branching out and expanding its operations into the Elgin area and much less limiting the residents it will be willing serve.

Our community deserves better and allowing such an organization to come into our community will do more harm than good. I look forward to hearing that you made the right decision for our community.

Sincerely,

Steven Kroiss

