



LATINO TREATMENT CENTER

June 31, 2021

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

25 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Orthollinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC

Project No. 20-040, Letter of Opposition

Dear Ms. Savage,

I write on behalf of the Latino Treatment Center ("LTC") in Elgin. LTC is a non-profit institution concerned about the well-being of persons who experience problems in their lives due to the use of alcohol and drugs. Our organization primarily serves the growing Spanish speaking population in the region. As you well know, behavioral health and substance abuse services are generally not profitable services, and many of our patients' members of the community that are economically challenged.

Supporting Orthollinois coming into our community would run counter to who we are as an organization – one that provides services to everyone, specifically those most in need. As I understand it, Orthollinois is planning to build a for-profit surgical center in Elgin which plans to operate at a 24% profit margin, as they represented in their application. Further, Orthollinois has a history of offering almost no Safety Net and charity care services contrary to what other local institutions are required and do offer the community. Many of our community health organizations barely break even because we offer services to the indigent.

Without the commitment to look out for those with the greatest needs, the medical profession, including mental/behavioral organizations such as ours fail to truly uphold the oath we took to serve everyone that comes through our doors. We look forward to your decision.

Very truly yours,

Latino Treatment Center

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