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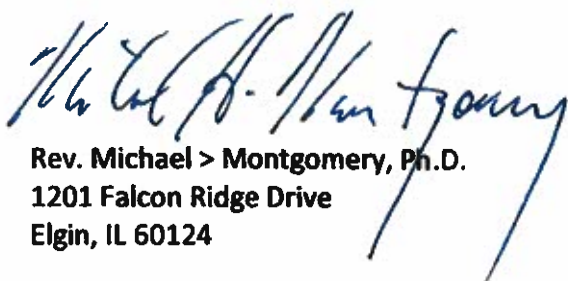
RE: Orthollinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC  
Project No. 20-040, Letter of Concern

I am a resident of Elgin, past interim minister at First Congregational Church, immediate past co-chair of the Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders and current executive director of Food for Greater Elgin. I write from my personal concern about the proposed establishment of an ambulatory surgical center in Elgin that will be located across the street from Sherman Hospital and its existing ambulatory surgical center. I see two central problems:

1. This proposal seems needlessly duplicative of scarce medical services.
2. Orthollinois does seem to have the effect of 'skimming' off patients with elite insurance coverage or the financial means to pay for extra-ordinary care. This will reduce the numbers of people with high paying coverage going to existing hospitals, and thus degrade their ability to provide care to people who are financially vulnerable.

It would seem that this center will lead to fewer services available to people who are poor, and so urge you to reject it.

Sincerely,



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