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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

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Project No. 20-040, Letter of Opposition

Dear Ms. Savage,

I'm writing this letter to express my concerns about the possibilities of a strictly for-profit orthopedic surgical center building a facility in the Elgin area I serve as a school board member in District U-46. When I heard of the possibility of this entity building a facility in our community, I was a bit confused by the purpose and felt the responsibility to provide my input.

Our district and the people that we serve come from different walks of life. As a board member, I am faced with having to address the challenges faced by many of our students and their families. Many of those I serve have distinct challenges, but one common challenge is their inability to access a much-needed safety net health care service. Instead of us addressing this problem we are adding to the challenges encountered by those less privileged in allowing a for-profit organization that has a history of not providing safety-net services and charity care and take away health care dollars away from our local hospital that already provide services.

I have committed my time as an educator and now in my position as a school board member to serve others. Orthollinois' past actions run counter to my own beliefs in offering services to underserved populations. Regrettably, I do not believe that allowing Orthollinois into our community serves the Greater Elgin community's needs.

Sincerely,

Eva Porter

U-46 School Board Member