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July 7, 2021

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

OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC
Project Number 20-040: Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

As a resident of Kane County since 1977, and a 73 year-old grandmother of eleven active kids, I know a thing or two about health care in this county because I have seen a thing or two. Prior to my being elected to the County Board, I had almost forty years in health care. First, as a dental hygienist, where I witnessed first hand the need for proper dental care for low income children. The last thirty years, I was in private practice as a Nationally Certified Massage Therapist. Now, as a County Board Member, I sit on the Public Health Committee.

First, orthopedics is not an area where our county needs additional investment. We already have four outpatient surgery centers that do orthopedic procedures that are all underutilized, including Algonquin Road Surgery Center, Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, Fox Valley Orthopedics, and Ashton Center for Day Surgery.

Second, there are real barriers that exist to health care access in this community, especially for the uninsured and underinsured, and particularly if you need access to mental health services or children's dental services.

Another orthopedics outpatient surgery center that serves almost exclusively private pay and Medicare patients is not what this county needs. Please deny this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Strathmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Cherryl Fritz Strathmann

Kane County Board