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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

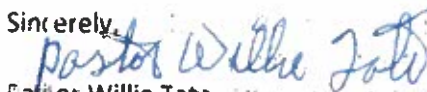
Dear Ms. Savage,

I hope this letter finds you well. I submit this letter as a leader of my church and the President of the African American Christian Ministers Alliance. Since I started serving others as a spiritual leader in the Elgin area, I've been uniquely involved in the lives of many families. My ministry has always been community focused and this, I believe, allows me to be in a position to provide you with an objective view on certain community issues, particularly community health care issues that have a great effect on underserved communities of color.

The community is resilient but nonetheless in need of certain community services, and I do not believe that Orthollinois, after carefully evaluating the matter, will be a valued added to the underserved. Orthollinois has not demonstrated an ability to offer substantial Safety Net and charity care services to those most in need. I am concerned that this organization is not interested in creating deep and meaningful roots but instead seeks to only profit and take for granted the people that are in most need for health care services.

A collective analysis of this matter should create serious doubts in the minds of those deliberating as to whether to approve this organization's application to offer services only to a select few who are considered to be more desired patients with resources. I do not take my responsibility lightly in voicing my opinion to you and other members of the board. It would only be appropriate for you to listen to our concerns and take action accordingly.

Sincerely,



Pastor Willie Tate

President of the African American Christian Ministers Alliance