

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair

July 1, 2021

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,

My name is Vern Tepe, and I am a Kane County Board Member and community leader in one of the most active community neighborhoods in the City of Elgin known as Edgewater by Del Webb. Representing the interests of my community is important, specifically the interests of the over 55 community that I live in. Recently, it was brought to my attention that a for-profit orthopedic surgical center is attempting to come into the community I represent.

While I am supportive of business, Orthollinois brings very little added value to our area. The surgeons seeking to open this facility in our area are already practicing in the region at other hospitals and surgical centers. There would be a redundancy in services as the orthopedic services that Orthollinois will offer are already provided in the community at the same or higher level of quality. There is no community need or demand for such surgical center.

In addition, this group of surgeons' objectives run counter to who I am as a community leader, which is one of serving and protecting the most vulnerable. From their own self-reported data, they have little commitment to the broader community outside of serving well-insured private pay or Medicare patients.

Ultimately, I see no real need for this entity coming into the community I represent. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share this letter with you and other members of the board.

Sincerely,



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