



June 25, 2021

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Attn: Courtney Avery, Administrator
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Administrator Avery:

On behalf of UrbanCare, we are honored to provide this strong letter of support for the OrthoIllinois ASTC project that is proposed for the city of Elgin.

UrbanCare is an independent Internal Medicine and Pediatric physician group that has worked with OrthoIllinois for over 20 years. We have always chosen OrthoIllinois as a partner due to their superior quality outcomes, flexibility and responsiveness as an independent bone and joint provider, and convenient location for our patients' orthopedic surgical needs.

The proposed OrthoIllinois project will provide numerous benefits to the community such as new jobs and more importantly better access to healthcare. UrbanCare greatly benefits from the ongoing relationship with OrthoIllinois and we have the utmost confidence of the high quality care provided to our patients.

Even as we turn the page from the COVID-19 pandemic, ASTCs, like the one OrthoIllinois is proposing, will improve patient health outcomes and help drive down the healthcare costs. UrbanCare strongly endorses this project and we respectfully request the Board approve it for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

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