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Courtney Avery

Board Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letter of Support- OrthoIllinois Surgery Center of Elgin, Project #20-040

Dear Ms. Avery,

We are Winters Family Practice and we are an independent primary care physician office in Elgin, IL. We have served this community since 1962. As independent physicians, we are able to remain unbiased in our assessment of this application.

We have worked with the physicians at OrthoIllinois for more than a decade. They are stewards of the community, providing safety net care without assessing ability to pay. They have also brought in subspecialty care, such as pediatric orthopedics, hand surgery, trauma surgery, and rheumatology. These are services that the community had been lacking for years, but OrthoIllinois has filled that void.

Hospital care is more expensive than surgery center care. If we want to lower the cost of care to the community, we have to shift cases that don't belong in the hospital to the outpatient setting. It's my understanding that the current outpatient facilities cannot accommodate many orthopedic procedures,

forcing them to be performed at the more expensive hospital. This is not a sustainable model, and we need to do what is best for the community, which is shifting procedures to the outpatient setting.

We are in support of the proposed Orthopedic Specialty Surgery Center. Having this new facility constructed will help stabilize the orthopedic service line in Elgin, and strengthen the Orthopedic safety net. We support their application and ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to do the same.

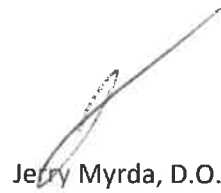
Sincerely,



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