

June 2nd, 2021

Courtney Avery  
Board Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Dr Savitha Susarla and I am an independent primary care physician in Elgin, IL. I have served this community for 16 years, and have served in leadership roles at Advocate Sherman Hospital.

As an independent physician, I am able to remain unbiased in my assessment of this application. I understand that currently, there are many surgical procedures that are being performed in the hospital setting, when they could be done at a much more cost efficient surgery center. I also understand that the current facilities are unable to accommodate these procedures. The end result is more expense to the system, more expense to the community, and DECREASED access to care.

Therefore, I am in support of the proposed Orthopedic Specialty Surgery Center. This model has proven to be successful in Rockford and will benefit our community greatly. The doctors at Orthollinois have been a major provider of safety net care for this community. They do not discriminate based on ability to pay, and they provide subspecialty services that neither the hospitals nor the other Orthopedic groups in the area provide.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Savitha Susarla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Savitha Susarla, DO