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Debra Savage, Chairwoman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
25 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to Project Number 20-040  
OrthoIllinois Surgery Center Elgin, LLC

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I submit this letter to you and other members of the Review Board to voice our concerns regarding the above referenced Project. Our church has a rich history in the Elgin area and we serve people from all walks of life. From the inception of our ministry, we have taken our responsibility in serving others seriously, most importantly, serving those most in need.

It is important to our community that safety-net services be robust and offered by any medical organization planning to locate in this area. From our understanding, this applicant intends to offer few, if any, real safety-net services and makes no mention of offering charity care services its at proposed facility. This raises serious concerns about the potential adverse effects it will have to our area residents and the ability for other health care providers to continue offering the same level of services to those most in need.

The adverse impact to the Elgin area residents is very real and you and other members of the Review Board have the responsibility of looking out for the best interests of others. Although we aren't health care experts, we do understand the needs of our community. When making your ultimate decision in this matter, please do not disregard community perspective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick E. Parks". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Patrick E. Parks  
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