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County Board Chairman

**County of Winnebago**

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Attn: Courtney Avery, Administrator

525 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Administrator Avery:

I am happy to write this letter of strong support for the Orthollinois ASTC CON application. I have the pleasure of serving as Chairman of Winnebago County, and I have worked directly with the physician leaders at Orthollinois both in my previous role on the Rockford City Council and now while on the county board.

Orthollinois is exactly the kind of partner that Elgin and Kane County should be excited about wanting to develop a surgery center in their community. Orthollinois is ideal corporate citizen and has been treating patients from this community and surrounding areas for years. This expansion of an AS TC makes a lot of sense, and as someone who has partnered with Orthollinois to meet the needs of my community and county employees, I know quality patient care is at the core of everything they do.

The proposed project is not located in my county, but I know that such an endeavor would be a tremendous boost in the arm at a critical time. This facility will create construction and healthcare jobs in Elgin and the entire region, and I could not be more supportive.

Orthollinois has the track record that can give the Board confidence that this project will improve access and provide high quality healthcare services for those who need it. They know how to work with patients to alleviate chronic pain conditions all while training the next generation of nurses, physician assistants and orthopedic surgeons.

I strongly support this project and urge the Board to approve it.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Chiarelli

Winnebago County Chairman