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December 21, 2020

Illinois Facilities and Healthcare Review Board 525 W. Jefferson Street 2nd Floor Springfield, IL 62761

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter for support for the addition of Ophthalmology and Pain Management to O'Fallon Surgical Center in O'Fallon, Illinois. I am a big proponent of low cost and safe healthcare provision in an outpatient setting. Knowing the times that we are going through and the federal deficit that is ballooning up owing to out-of-control healthcare costs, I feel that the addition of these specialties to an outpatient setting in Southwest Illinois would be a great boost to our healthcare system and to our cost saving, not to mention the level of safety that an outpatient surgical center brings to patient care. I wholeheartedly support the addition of these specialties to O'Fallon Surgical Center.

The pandemic has further impacted the disproportionate socio-economic status of some of the families in my district, 114. Now more than ever, families need and deserve alternatives to receive necessary and lifesaving screenings and surgeries. Regardless of one's income, education level attained, or any other factors, quality, affordable, and compassionate health services should not be available based anything other medial need.

The families in my district demand both quality and cost-effective alternatives for all of the healthcare services they require. O'Fallon Surgery Center will provide both.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Latoya Greenwood State Representative of the 114th District