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Date: June 21, 2021

Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Support for Winchester Ambulatory Surgery Center's CON
Application**

Dear Debra Savage,

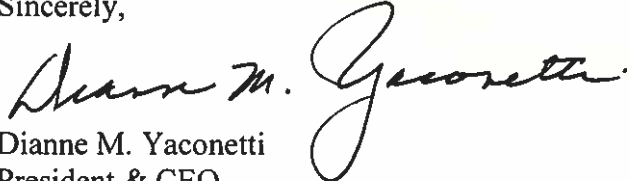
I am the President and CEO of Lambs Farm, and am writing to express my support for Winchester Ambulatory Surgery Center's Certificate of Need application to establish an ambulatory surgery center providing gastroenterology services in Libertyville, Illinois.

Following the establishment of this endoscopy center, I expect to reestablish our relationship with the Center, I anticipate that this relationship will allow us to refer up to 50 patients annually whose professional fees and facility fees would be waived for endoscopic procedures, most importantly colonoscopies and **esophagogastroduodenoscopy (or EGD)** procedures. This arrangement would improve access to colonoscopies and EGDs to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents in Lake County. Colonoscopies provide the most effective means of screening for colorectal cancer and as a result help prevent one of the deadliest but most easily preventable diseases in the United States. Through this arrangement, Winchester Ambulatory Surgery Center will improve access for low-income patients to these life-saving services.

While certain protocols would need to be established related to patient confidentiality, referral procedures, information flow, etc., it appears such a relationship would be beneficial to our clients.

We support the proposed establishment of an ambulatory surgery center in Libertyville and look forward to formalizing our relationship.

Sincerely,


Dianne M. Yaconetti
President & CEO
Lambs Farm