

8 August 2022

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor Springfield, IL

Re: Support for Project #22-024 Pepper Road Endoscopy Center

Dear Ms. Savage:

We are pleased to support Gastroenterology & Internal Medicine Specialist's, SC Ambulatory Surgery Center's Certificate of Need to establish an ASC providing gastroenterology services in Lake Barrington, IL.

Our clinic provides high quality healthcare for the uninsured of McHenry County, and we have partnered with Gastroenterology & Internal Medicine Specialists for our patients in need of services. For several years, Gastroenterology & Internal Medicine Specialists have assisted our uninsured patients with reduced fees for office visits and procedures, and our patients have always received high quality care from them. It is important for our patients to have this kind of care close to their home, as well as to have this care accessible and affordable.

We are in support of this ambulatory care center, and feel this will fill a gap in resources for our patients. We look forward to continuing our partnership with this group to provide our patients the best quality care possible at a rate that is affordable.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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