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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Establishment of Cardiac Catherization, Letter of Support
Springfield Clinic: Ambulatory Surgery Center- Springfield

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I write in support of Springfield Clinic's application for a Certificate of Need to establish cardiac catherization services at the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) in Springfield.

The Illinois AFL-CIO is dedicated to advancing the many interests of working families, and we support these efforts to provide optimal access to specialized healthcare in the communities we live and work.

The expansion of catheterization services in downtown Springfield will provide improved access and healthcare outcomes for life-saving procedures in our members' time of need. It is in the best interest of our members and their families to have a choice in locations to perform these specialized procedures, and Springfield Clinic is a trusted partner in primary and specialty care.

Many of our members have firsthand experience with the quality care and treatment of outpatient procedures at the ASC in Springfield at a cost-savings compared to traditional hospital-based centers. The building and expansion of these new service lines also serves as an economic stimulant for our working families.

I support Springfield Clinic establishing cardiac catherization services at its Ambulatory Surgery Center in Springfield. I respectfully ask your approval of this CON application.

Thank you,

Tim Drea
President, Illinois AFL-CIO