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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 Springfield Surgical Center

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

Springfield Clinic's application for a Certificate of Need to **establish cardiac catherization services** at our surgery center in Springfield will be able to provide optimal health care outcomes while improving and expanding patient access for life-saving procedures for rural health patients.

As a family medicine physician at Springfield Clinic Taylorville, I support this request and ask for your approval of this CON application to best serve our rural communities and patients.

Rural providers, like myself, play a significant role in delivering timely, effective, and safe care. One of the challenges in rural communities is finding access to high-quality health care, particularly for specialized care.

We work with local rural hospitals in many communities to ensure patients can stay local for care and receive the care necessary in a timely manner. Our partnership with these communities has helped facilitate long standing efforts to support patient care needs in Central Illinois. In addition, Springfield Clinic has developed a robust outreach program where many of our specialty providers dedicate time traveling to patients in and around central Illinois for those who need and want care close to home.

I support Springfield Clinic establishing cardiac catherization services at our surgery center in Springfield to allow our rural cardiac patients access to superior care where it best meets their needs and provides accessible and affordable options, either in a high-quality hospital or a high-quality surgery center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P S Gill".

Pavinderpal S. Gill, MD