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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 Catheterization, Letter of Support Springfield Clinic Surgery Center -
Springfield

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I write to you with an increased sense of urgency in support of Springfield Clinic's application for a Certificate of Need to establish cardiac catheterization services at their Surgery Center in Springfield.

The Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council is dedicated to advancing the varied interests of working families, including optimal health care access, and we support efforts to provide additional access points to specialized health care procedures like the ones done in a cardiac catheterization lab.

The access issues are only growing in both volume and urgency, and the expansion of these life-saving services are paramount for our members in their time of need. It is in the best interest of our members and their families to have a choice of locations to perform these specialized procedures, and Springfield Clinic is a trusted partner for our members in both their primary and specialty care.

Many of our members have firsthand experience with the quality of care and treatment of outpatient procedures at the Surgery Center at reduced costs compared to a traditional hospital-based center. The building and expansion of these new proposed service lines will also provide a needed economic benefit for our members.

I continue to fully support Springfield Clinic establishing cardiac catheterization services at its Surgery Center. I respectfully ask your approval of this CON application.

Thank You,

Aaron W. Gurnsey
President
Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council