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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 renewed vigor in support of Springfield Clinic's application for a Certificate of Need to establish cardiac catheterization services at their Surgery Center 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 health care in the communities we live and work.

The expansion of catheterization services in downtown Springfield will provide desperately needed access and positive health care outcomes for our members in their time of need for these life-saving procedures. Issues of access to these critical procedures only continue to grow both in number and urgency. 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 for our members in both their personal 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 in Springfield at a cost-savings compared to traditional hospital-based centers. The building and expansion of these new service lines will also serve as an economic benefit for our working families.

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

Thank you,

Tim Drea
President, Illinois AFL-CIO