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Mr. John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center (Project No. 23-033)

Dear Mr. Kniery,

A surgical center is a vital component of any healthcare system, providing specialized care and treatment to patients in need. I speak on this topic from personal experience. I am a Joliet Police Detective and have been a patient at the Pain & Spine Institute for close to twenty years and have had great success with their care and treatments. It is essential that we rally behind and support the establishment of the Pain & Spine Surgical Center (PSISC) in our community for several reasons.

Firstly, the PSISC will offer convenience and efficiency. Unlike hospitals, which often have long waiting times and limited availability for surgeries, surgical centers are dedicated solely to performing surgeries. This means that patients can receive timely treatment without unnecessary delays or overcrowding. By supporting the establishment of the PSISC, we can ensure that individuals requiring surgery can access the care they need promptly.

Secondly, the PSISC would be cost-effective. The PSISC will be designed to provide specific procedures efficiently, resulting in reduced overhead costs compared to hospitals. This translates into lower medical bills for patients and decreased strain on insurance companies and government healthcare programs. Supporting the creation of the PSISC will contribute to a more sustainable healthcare system by optimizing resources.

Moreover, the PSISC will promote specialization and expertise. Surgeons who work exclusively at this facility gain extensive experience in their respective fields, leading to improved outcomes for patients. By encouraging the development of specialized surgical centers, we foster an environment where surgeons can hone their skills and provide exceptional care.

In conclusion, supporting the establishment of the PSISC is crucial for our community's well-being. This surgical center will offer convenience, cost-effectiveness, and specialized expertise that enhance patient outcomes while alleviating strain on hospitals' resources. Let us join together in advocating for the creation of the Pain & Spine Surgical Center, so that everyone can benefit from accessible and efficient healthcare services when they need them most.

Sincerely,

Chris Gombosi