

January 1, 2023

Via Facsimile

Mr. John Kniery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Subject: Support for Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center Project (Proj. No. 23-033)

Dear Mr. Kniery,

I am writing to you as both a current patient of the Pain & Spine Institute and as an elected Trustee on the village board in Homer Glen. I wish to express my strong support for the Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center's initiative to establish a specialized surgery center in Joliet, Illinois, concentrating on pain management.

In light of the escalating healthcare costs and the increasing prevalence of high deductible health plans, it is crucial for our state planning agencies to promote access to facilities offering cost-effective care. Surgery centers, such as the one proposed by Pain & Spine Institute, are indispensable in providing accessible and affordable pain management solutions. The financial benefits for both patients and payors are significant, with these centers performing procedures at a lower cost than traditional hospital outpatient departments.

The efficiency and quality of care provided by surgery centers are exemplary. They offer high-quality surgical care, leading to excellent outcomes and a high level of patient satisfaction. Many patients prefer the experience at surgery centers over hospitals, attributing this to factors like more convenient parking, reduced waiting times, and more streamlined access to operating rooms. Additionally, surgeons find

these centers more conducive due to quicker turnover times, assured surgical schedules without delays from emergency cases, and specialized nursing staff focused on surgical care.

Our community currently faces a significant lack of adequate pain management services. The establishment of the Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center would fill this critical gap, offering much-needed relief and support to individuals struggling with chronic pain, thereby improving their daily lives.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. I firmly believe in the positive impact this surgery center will have on our community's health and well-being.

Sincerely,

CJ McNaughton

Trustee, Village Board

Homer Glen

cc: Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center