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Debra Savage  
Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
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Dear Chair Savage:

As a spine surgeon deeply invested in my patient care, I eagerly extend my support for the integration of spine and orthopedic procedures at Innovia Surgery Center. Innovia presents a distinct advantage in terms of scheduling, drastically reducing patient wait times when compared to the unpredictability often encountered in hospital settings. This reliability is greatly appreciated by physicians as well as their patients.

Innovia Surgery Center offers a welcoming and accommodating environment. A surgical procedure may take 1-2 hours followed by a longer recovery time. At Innovia, there are highly skilled and specialty-trained staff to enhance patient care during this recovery time. As a surgeon, it is important to me that patient care and satisfaction is a priority. Patients in ASCs generally require fewer medications, which contributes to a reduction in the consumption of opioids.

I endorse the proposal to broaden the scope of procedures at Innovia Surgery Center, confident that it will contribute to improved patient outcomes and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel Malek', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Michel Malek  
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