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Mr. John Kniery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**Re: Request to Appear Following Intent-to-Deny: Metroeast Surgery
Center (Project #24-041)**

Dear Mr. Kniery:

As you know, Polsinelli represents Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, LLC dba Metroeast Surgery Center ("MESC") and Haris Assets, LLC (together, the "Applicant"). In this capacity, I am writing you regarding its non-substantive Certificate of Need permit application to add a specialty to its existing ASTC (the "Project"). Pursuant to 77 Illinois Admin. Code Section 1130.670, the Applicant formally requests to reappear as soon as feasible before the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (the "State Board") following the intent-to-deny that was issued at the March 18, 2025 State Board meeting during which the Project received four favorable votes. We are in the process of compiling supplemental information that gives special consideration to comments made at that State Board meeting and will submit that information shortly.

We look forward to reappearing before the State Board as soon as possible to review this supplemental information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312.873.3639 or via email at kfriedman@polsinelli.com

Sincerely,

Kara Friedman