



July 1, 2025

John Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Kniery,

I write on behalf of the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County to support the proposed Mt. Zion Center for Surgery, located in Mt. Zion, Illinois. Our mission is to bring jobs to the communities in Macon County, but not just any jobs, high-quality jobs such as those offered at a surgery center. We also focus on quality of life, which goes beyond recreation and entertainment. It's ensuring our citizens have the critical services they need and can afford. According to the American Community Survey, Macon County's population of 62-74 year olds grew by 43%. Providing high quality care in a new state of the art facility is an important component to aging in place and our State should support operations that will allow this.

The development of an ambulatory surgical center in Macon County will allow efficient, affordable health care for our citizens. We kindly ask the board to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Stoddard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Gavin Stoddard, Chairman of the Board, Economic Development Corporation of Decatur-Macon County
President and CEO, Parke Warehouses