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REGAN DEERING
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 88TH DISTRICT

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

Re: Letter of Support & Comment
Project #25-012 - Mt. Zion Center for Surgery

Dear Mr. Kniery,

As the State Representative of the 88th District, I would like to respectfully submit this letter of support for the permit application for Mt. Zion Center for Surgery, Project #25-012. On behalf of my district and the citizens I represent, I suggest an ambulatory surgery center that is committed to high quality, low cost healthcare is a benefit for Macon County and Central Illinois.

I would ask that you carefully weigh the benefits this ambulatory surgery center could provide to the community of Decatur and beyond. The orthopedic care provided at the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery would not compete with the hospitals, but rather offer the citizens and businesses of Decatur and beyond a *low cost alternative*. Our local businesses, big and small, would all benefit from managing rising healthcare costs. After speaking with key healthcare leaders in my district, I am confident the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery will only improve our local healthcare by allowing cost savings for patients and businesses with a modernized, state of the art ambulatory surgery center.

As stated in the HFSRB Mission statement, this project will bring "efficient, accessible, and the high-quality delivery of orthopedic services" to the citizens of Decatur, Macon County and surrounding communities that represent central Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration of my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Regan D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Regan Deering
IL State Representative - 88th District