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Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed establishment of an ambulatory surgical treatment center to be located at 10330 South Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois to be known as Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC.

I have worked with Dr. Kronen for over ten years. As an occupational health nurse for Tootsie Roll Co., Inc. I see hundreds of employees with injuries related to the hand, elbow and shoulder. MidAmerica reputation and service has been of the highest quality and these physicians have provided the best possible care. These services have resulted in the highest levels of success with quick recoveries. In my experience, I can honestly say that not one employee has ever complained about the treatment or outcome from services provided by these physicians. We often send employees to MidAmerica to obtain the best diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. Their expertise and knowledge in their field is unparalleled and we highly recommend them without hesitation.

Further, the fact the staff practices almost exclusively with hand cases in a full range of preoperative, surgical and postoperative care ensures better management of the patients from initial diagnosis to the employees return to work. It is my strong opinion that the addition of a surgery center will provide the best possible benefit to patients as they will be able to maximize their results in one central location, which will provide a much needed continuum of care for our injured employees. This would also eliminate and/or minimize any delays in care caused by the current need for these physicians to schedule surgeries in a hospital setting. This would also minimize administrative problems caused by needing to coordinate care with several different providers including minimizing paperwork related to authorizations for treatments recommended by these physicians for our injured workers.

For all the foregoing, I strongly urge this Board to approve the certificate of need permit application for Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC. The surgery center would provide the best services and value for our employees and serve as an asset to the health care community. The convenience, professionalism, and expertise that will be provided at the surgery center will prove a significant benefit to the employee and provide the best possible outcomes.

Sincerely,


Nancy Trejo

Tootsie Roll Co., Inc.