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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Certificate of Need for Naperville Fertility Center
11 North Washington St. (aka 11 West Benton St. & 15 No. Washington St.)
Naperville, IL 60540 By: Randy Morris, M.D.

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter to provide expert support for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center.

I am very familiar with the professional achievements of Dr. Morris. He completed his fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Southern California School of Medicine while I was the Chief of that Division. I found him to be an outstanding and productive physician in our specialty. He is well respected in the field and is an excellent candidate to make the Naperville Fertility Center into a world class Center for the diagnosis and treatment of reproductive problems.

Currently, I am a Columbia University Professor of OB/GYN, the Fellowship Director for the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology, former Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia, and President of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Columbia University operates a successful fertility and in vitro fertilization center in New York City. One of the keys to our success was the construction of a dedicated facility which includes an integrated IVF laboratory and surgical suite. **Such a Center is an essential component of a successful IVF program,** and it is this type of Center that the Naperville Fertility Center will represent.

There will be several key benefits for Dr. Morris' patients including convenience as well as state of the art facilities. In my expert opinion, the needs of a facility such as this cannot be met by a standard hospital operating theater or outpatient surgical center. There are simply too many specific requirements to be met. Therefore, I strongly urge you to issue a Certificate of Need for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger A. Lobo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Roger A. Lobo, M.D.