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Please accept the attached letters of public comment as additional support for the above subject project. Thanks.

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

This letter is being written because I fully support the approval of the Certificate of Need for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center, 11 North Washington Street (aka 11 West Benton Street & 15 North Washington Street), Naperville, IL 60540 by Randy Morris, M.D.

Four years ago my husband and I tried at length to conceive a child on our own with no success. When talking with family and close friends regarding this problem we received a referral to Dr. Randy Morris and decided it was time to find out if something was preventing us from conceiving. Speaking from my experience, this was such a highly emotional situation to go through. The end result presented to us after undergoing many tests was that in order to conceive, IVF was our best option. We made the decision to move forward with this process and began treatments as soon as possible. Dr. Morris and his staff could not have been more helpful, informative, professional, and more friendly through the entire process. We quickly learned more about conception than most people know and realized how much timing was of the essence.

This brings me to my point. Once my husband and I learned of what the final procedures were (timing of the last injections to egg retrieval to implantation), we also knew we had to take every necessary precaution to make sure nothing else would impede with our results. We went through IVF for both of our children. For the first implantation we decided to spend the extra money to stay the night downtown Chicago. We made this decision in order to make sure we would make our appointment on time as the traffic from our home town in Oswego to Chicago on any morning could not be predicted. Not only was this additional expense incurred, but we ran into another situation which was unexpected. The day of implantation of our first embryo just happened to be the same day the Chicago Marathon was taking place. Even though we arrived on time for our appointment, our procedure was delayed due to the carrier getting stuck by closed off streets and not being able to take the regular route to the center. This caused me great stress as I knew the importance of timing for this procedure. With both IVF procedures taking place downtown Chicago we each also had to take a total of 4 days off of work to accommodate for traveling time as well as the appointment itself. If the procedures took place locally we could have cut our time off of work in half at the very least.

Luckily my husband and I were able to have two beautiful girls all thanks to Dr. Morris and his wonderful staff. I have given out his information to others that I know who have been struggling. The couple who recommended Dr. Morris to us is from Plainfield, and the two couples I have recommended Dr. Morris to are in Yorkville and Plainfield. I believe there is a great need to have a facility 'closer to home' for the patients Dr. Morris helps. With most of his office work being in Naperville currently, it surprised me to learn that all of the procedures involving IVF were done downtown. I imagine for some people with busier schedules and a less understanding workplace the downtown location may alter their decision on whether or not to choose this particular doctor, which in my opinion would be extremely unfortunate.

Please consider the new Naperville location to be a great asset to the many people who struggle to create one of life's greatest miracles.

Heidi Schmitt-Fleishman



September 12, 2011

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter to support approval of the Certificate of Need for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center, 11 North Washington Street (aka 11 West Benton Street & 15 North Washington Street), Naperville, IL 60540 by Randy Morris, M.D.

We chose care at IVF1 with Dr. Morris early on. We had done a lot of research on other fertility providers but found that they could not be out done by IVF1 and Dr. Morris. We consider them to be the top tier of programs in the area and though given options we would not consider going to any other than this one. Their quality of care and success rates is stellar. I can happily say that we are expecting our first child in January. We continue to support this program and recommend it to anyone who asks!

The single factor we found most difficult about the program/process was the fact that we had to travel to Downtown Chicago for procedures. Because of the time it took to get there and back, both my husband and I were forced to take full days off of work. I can only imagine how difficult it would be for those who may not have a vehicle or as flexible of schedules as we do. It would have been so much less stressful had we had the option to have the procedures done in Naperville. We absolutely believe that having a full service fertility center in the area would be a huge benefit to the community. We also believe that it will be a fantastic option for those who may have opted against using IVF1 with Dr. Morris due to travel requirements. I mean, there are no centers in the area with a higher pregnancy rate than this one!

IVF1 with Dr. Morris and his team are the epitome of what compassionate patient care is! It is hard to imagine where we would be without them.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information or would like to hear more. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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