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Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
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RE: Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC (11-095)

Dear Mr. Galassie:

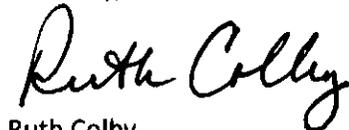
We received a letter today from Murer Consultants, Inc. requesting an impact statement from us regarding their client's intent to establish a limited specialty ASTC at 10330 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills, Illinois. The proposed facility is located just 19 miles from Silver Cross Hospital's New Lenox campus.

Silver Cross Hospital is concerned about the negative impact that the proposed facility may have on our current and future operations since the letter did not specify which physicians are intending to refer cases or how the geographic service area has been defined. But, based on the proposed facility's proximity to our New Lenox hospital campus, we can only assume that a significant portion of their service area will directly overlap a large segment of ours.

There is ample existing capacity in the market to absorb the cases that are to be treated at the proposed facility. In fact, Silver Cross Hospital will be opening a brand new facility in a few months and we will have operating room capacity available. Physicians who are intending to refer cases to the proposed ASTC facility are welcome to apply for privileges at Silver Cross Hospital.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to provide our input. If you have any questions or need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Ruth Colby
Vice President, Business Development / Chief Strategy Officer

cc: Drake Shunneson, JD, LLM
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