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Ahmed Abdelsalam, M.D.
President
Hauser Ross Eye Institute
2240 Gateway Drive
Sycamore, IL 60178

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Project Number 14-033

Dear Dr. Abdelsalam:

On behalf of KishHealth System and Kishwaukee Hospital, I am pleased to give my support to DeKalb Surgical Services, LLC and Hauser Ross Eye Institute with respect to its pursuit of a Certificate of Need permit from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to establish an Ambulatory Surgical Center. Currently, patients have to travel over 45 miles outside of the DeKalb/Sycamore service area to obtain retinal surgeries. That is burdensome and unnecessary, and I applaud you for being willing to invest in a state of the art surgery center and the equipment that will allow these services to be offered within the community.

I also understand the need to provide other ophthalmologic surgical services at the surgery center, and do not believe it will negatively impact Kishwaukee Hospital. To the contrary, I believe it will allow an appropriate allocation of surgical slots amongst the various specialties that need operating room time, while allowing your patients access in a timely and cost effective manner to the care they deserve.

We wish you success with this endeavor and look forward to working with your team to continue to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Poorten, FACHE
President & CEO
KishHealth System