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**RE: Support letter for Retina Surgery Center, LLC (18-002)**

Dear Ms. Olson:

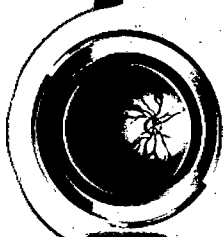
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ASTCs provide a high quality, low cost alternative for many patients seeking highly specialized care. From a clinical standpoint, ASTCs allow for increased surgeon efficiency due to faster room turnover, specialized focuses, and designated surgical times that are not impacted by emergent and trauma cases like in the hospital setting.

The proposed ASTC shall be located within the same building as Retina Institute of Illinois' practice location, a prolific physician practice solely responsible for driving the surgical volume for the proposed project. The location of the proposed ASTC, in proximity to our practice location, provides the availability for highly integrated care and superior quality outcomes for our patients.

I currently perform the majority of my surgeries in the hospital setting. As the cost of healthcare exponentially increases, my patients are continuously looking for lower cost, high quality settings. Complex, high acuity retina services can be performed in the ASTC setting, so long as the appropriate equipment is available. However, the availability of the preferred equipment outside of the hospital setting is extremely limited in the area surrounding the proposed ASTC location.

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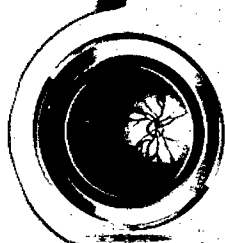
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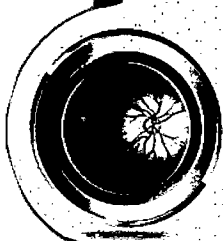
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Dear Ms. Olson,

Please see the two attached Physician letters of support from Dr. Preeti R. Poley and Dr. Matthew M. Wessel for Retina Surgery Center, LLC application number 18-002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brian J. Niehaus", written over a white background.

Brian J. Niehaus, JD  
Senior Consultant  
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