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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Re: Project #18-031 Anderson Surgery Center, LLC, Edwardsville

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter to demonstrate my support for the above-referenced project.

The establishment of Anderson Surgery Center will enable patients to have surgery, endoscopic and pain management procedures performed in a setting that meets the requirements of third-party payors, who are requiring an increasing number of procedures to be performed in Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers rather than in hospital facilities.

As Mayor of the Village of Maryville, I can attest to Anderson Hospital's strong commitment to serving the healthcare needs of our community.

I am particularly pleased that Anderson Surgery Center's medical staff will include Pediatric Surgeons and Gastroenterologists who will be able to perform procedures locally, rather than requiring families to travel to St. Louis to have these procedures performed at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to express my support for this project.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Craig Short".

N. Craig Short
Mayor