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RE: Support letter for The Advanced Surgical Institute, LLC (19-031)

Dear Review Board:

My name is Jerry R. Coltro, M.D., I am a board-certified Internal Medicine physician serving patients in the Chicago Ridge area, near the proposed Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center ("ASTC"). I have been practicing in the community for over 20 years and fully support the proposed ASTC.

As a local physician, I am familiar with the quality of care provided by the physicians currently practicing at the adjacent practice, Heart, Vein, and Vascular Clinic. I fully support the proposed project to add an ASTC next to the practice location as I believe it will help the community achieve a more robust continuum of care at a lower overall cost.

The applicants will be able to provide a superior site of care for patients seeking cardiovascular surgical services in comparison to the inpatient avenues currently available to patients. ASTCs supported by knowledgeable physicians, such as the physicians associated with The Advance Surgical Institute, allow patients to experience reduced wait times, receive a more specialized plan of care, and ensure designated surgical times that are not impacted by emergent or trauma cases. With easier access to quality care, members of the community will experience a better overall continuum of care.

With the above information in mind, I urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board to approve this surgery center in order to allow these physicians to serve the surgical needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Coltro, M.D.
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