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

Dear Review Board:

My name is Amar Hamad M.D., I am a physician that is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Medical Oncology. As part of the Affiliated Oncologist, I serve patients in the greater Chicago area, with offices in Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, and Chicago Ridge Illinois. I have been practicing for decades and fully support the proposed facility offering cardiac catheterization and surgery services.

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, who are the applicants proposing this facility. I am committed to providing support services the proposed facilities' patients may require for pulmonary functions. Our practice is located just a few miles and a short drive from the proposed facility to provide convenient access to patients in a friendly outpatient setting.

I am confident the applicants will provide excellent care for patients seeking outpatient cardiovascular surgical and catheterization services. With additional access options for quality care, members of the community will experience a better overall continuum of care. This Board has approved numerous projects that provide patients a lower-cost high-quality outpatient option, and are well familiar with the patient and provider benefits, including reduced risks of infection, decreased costs, improved outcomes, and increased patient satisfaction/comfort.

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,

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