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Ms. Courtney Avery
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525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for Lincoln Park Gastroenterology Center
Project No. 20-012

Dear Ms. Avery:

Most people are aware of the need for colorectal cancer screening, particular those people 50 years of age or older. No one, however, looks forward to a colonoscopy and many people put off this procedure for a variety of reasons.

With the rise of higher deductible insurance plans, patients are concerned about the higher out of pocket costs that they face. This project directly addresses the cost of endoscopic procedures.

As a Board-certified gastroenterologist, I support the plan to convert endoscopy suites as St. Joseph to the proposed surgery center. St. Joseph plans to take four current GI suites and the hospital and instead use the procedure room as part of surgery center that is a joint venture with a number of practicing physician.

I look forward to the opportunity to partner with the hospital to bring an out of hospital experience to my patients at a lower cost and ask your approval for this project.

Sincerely,

Kevin M Liebovich MD