

April 13, 2020

Richard Sewell, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for Expansion of Metroeast Surgery Center

Dear Mr. Sewell,

I'm reaching out to express my support for the proposed addition of orthopedic specialty at Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center (MESC). With St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Physicians' Surgical Center both relocating from nearby Belleville to O'Fallon, Illinois, it is critical that MESC add this surgical service to ensure the needs of patients in Fairview Heights and Belleville are met.

Also, as the population in my community continues to age, demand for surgical services will no doubt increase as well. It is vital that MESC is able to provide a broad array of specialties to address more of these ailments and treat the entire individual.

I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board to approve this important project to support access to high quality, cost effective surgical care.

Respectfully,



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