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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the addition of Orthopedic Surgery to the Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, (MESC) in Fairview Heights. MESC continues to offer excellent health care to many of the families living, not only in Fairview Heights, but many communities extending well beyond St. Clair County. MESC has been a benchmark of medical care and has done so for over ten years in my Legislative District 113.

Healthcare costs continue to rise at an unprecedented rate. Families in my District and across the State want affordable and the highest quality healthcare for themselves and their families. MESC has provided those services and continues to be accredited by the Joint Commission based on the quality of services it delivers. Even with insurance coverage, deductibles and co-pays can be devastating to a family's budget. Orthopedic Surgery would be a welcome addition to the services already offered at this facility considering the cost savings and convenience it would offer families.

I am very excited that constituents would have access to Orthopedic services at MESC, which as a facility has a track record of care and offers significant cost savings to patients and insurance companies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay C. Hoffman".

Jay C. Hoffman  
State Representative  
113<sup>th</sup> District