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April 22, 2020

Ms. Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Savage,

As Alderman of the 21st Ward, where my constituency resides on the south side of Chicago, I write this letter of support for South Loop Surgery Center being submitted by Chicago Cosmetic Surgery Institute LLC and David Shifrin MD. I have known Dr. Shifrin and his family for the past 5 years. His father is a businessman in my ward and has demonstrated a desire to help the less fortunate. Likewise, Dr. Shifrin's surgery practice is diverse and cares for a large population of African American and Hispanic patients. His office is located close to the 21st Ward which is also mostly populated by the same mix of people. We need surgeons in Chicago who are accessible to the near and far south side and loop.

Mercy hospital and medical center is the largest facility serving this geographic population and it is scheduled to be closed. There is no other facility in the area that is immediately available to these neighborhoods and constituents. With the recent announcement of the planned closing of Mercy, I believe that the need for a facility or facilities that offer accredited operating rooms is essential in maintaining appropriate surgical healthcare access.

Dr. Shifrin's facility is well situated to serve all of these areas and has my full support. I am confident that the South Loop Surgery Center will be a viable option for our community's needs. I would be happy to answer any questions that may arise.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office at (773) 881-9300.

Sincerely,

Howard B. Brookins, Jr.
Alderman – 21st Ward

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