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

Dear Ms. Savage,

My name is Lawrence Iteld. I am writing this letter of support for the South Loop Surgery Center being submitted by Chicago Cosmetic Surgery Institute, LLC and David Shifrin, MD. I have known Dr. Shifrin for over 10 years as we are colleagues in Chicago in a small subspecialty of medicine. Dr. Shifrin is a sound surgeon who has built a well-respected practice over years of dedication to excellence in patient care. As a person, he is ethical, honest, transparent and caring. He is one of a few surgeons I would allow to operate on me or my family members.

I served as the chairman of plastic surgery at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center for the last 11 years or so. During that time, I have had the opportunity to care for the patients of Bronzeville, the South Loop, Chinatown and all the neighborhoods surrounding moving south. There is no other facility in the area that is immediately available to these neighborhoods. With the recent announcement of the planned closing of Mercy in the future and merger with three other struggling hospitals I believe that the need for qualified operating rooms in the local area is significant. While it is not of an emergent nature it is urgent and will become so if planning is not undertaken in advance. Dr Shifrin's facility is well situated to serve all of these areas and has my full support. I would be happy to answer any questions that may arise.

Thank You,



Lawrence Iteld MD

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