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U.S. MAIL

Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: CON Applications for Apollo Health Center & Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center

Dear Chairman Galassie,

I am writing to you in response to letters I received regarding the Certificate of Need applications for the above mentioned facilities.

Our facility, Grand Avenue Surgical Center, 17 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, is located nearby both facilities. **We are a multi-specialty center and at present are far below our capacity of case volume, particularly in the fields of Gastroenterology, Gynecology, and Urology.**

Further, we are well aware that the Illinois Department of Public Health already feels that there are too many Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers in Chicagoland.

As such, we strongly oppose the issuance of new/expanded Certificates of Need for these two facilities.

Sincerely,

Joe Jafari
Administrator