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Dear Mr. Constantino,

Attached is my letter to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board in reference to the Certificate of Need for Project Number 11-111: The IVF Center at RMI.

Please confirm receipt of this email and let me know if there is anything else I need to do to properly submit this letter for the Board's consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Public Comment Issues Relating to the Certificate of Need for
Project Number 11-111: The IVF Center at RMI

Dear Board Members:

As the Associate Administrator for Compliance Affairs at the Oak Brook Surgical Centre, I would like to express our opposition to the above project, which we believe is defective in multiple areas to meet the criteria for Certificate of Need, including the following reasons:

1. RMI indicated in their application that they built the facility and have started the operation; therefore the question can be raised as to why they are applying for the Certificate of Need.
2. The estimated caseload per year is below the threshold of standards for health facility planning for even one operating room.
3. The physical facility that they remodeled is not in conformance with the standards for operating rooms, such as 137 square foot procedure room, no adequate recovery room, narrow corridors, doors width below standard level, no emergency generator, etc.
4. Space is subleased, which has caused default of the lease, and the landlord has objections against the use of office facility as a licensed ambulatory surgical treatment center.
5. The proposed facility is a wall to wall neighbor of the existing Oak Brook surgical treatment center. Since the applicant (RMI) is already in operation with lack of conformity with standards, and the only goal for getting a license seems to be to charge more for the procedure, this is further evidence of a fundamental conflict with the purpose of the Certificate of Need.

We respectfully request consideration of the Board regarding the above multiple issues.

Very Truly,

Alfonso del Granado

Associate Administrator for Compliance Affairs