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Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support on behalf of Massac County Surgery Center's application to establish an outpatient surgery center in Metropolis, Illinois.

As you are aware, this project represents a joint venture between Massac Memorial Hospital and a group of orthopedic and podiatric surgeons in Kentucky. This surgery center will bring expertise to the Metropolis community that is currently not available without residents of the community traveling out of state.

I ask that you give the Massac County Surgery Center's application every consideration. Please contact me if I may be of further assistance to you on this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



JOHN SHIMKUS  
Member of Congress

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CC: Mayor Billy McDaniel, City of Metropolis