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Ms Kathryn J Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois
62761

August 8, 2016

RE Southern Illinois Gastroenterology Endoscopy Project
Project# ~~15-065T~~ 15-061

Dear Ms Olson,

It with pleasure that I write a letter of support for the proposed expansion of Dr Makhdoom's services while increasing the availability of outpatient endoscopy in Southern Illinois.

I have referred my patients to Dr Makdoom ever since I opened my Family Medicine office in 1997. He has always provided me and my patients excellent service and care. I personally know him, know of his service to the local community and agree with his desire to improve access for patients that cannot afford gastrointestinal consultation and endoscopic services.

Dr Makhdoom is offering lower cost endoscopy. As a result of the current insurance environment, many of my patients have high deductibles. Outpatient endoscopy is cheaper than using hospital based services. As a result of the high cost hospital based endoscopy, many of my patients do not receive required services. As you know, early detection and treatment has better outcomes and costs less. Dr Makhdoom's services will give my patients another option.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

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