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VIA FED EX AND E-MAIL

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

*Re: St. Elizabeth Hospital's Replacement Project and Ambulatory Care Center ("ACC")
Project – Request for Public Hearing By the Applicants*

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I would like to request a public hearing regarding the above referenced applications, which were submitted to your offices today. It is my understanding that the applicants are able to request a hearing prior to the application being deemed complete, but after it is submitted, and that our request avoids the necessity of the Health Facilities & Services Review Board having to post a notice of an opportunity for a public hearing. Rather, you will work to schedule a hearing and post the notice of the date and time for same. Along these lines, please feel free to contact me with respect to the hearing and any scheduling or related issues.

As you are probably aware, the community is very interested in St. Elizabeth's replacement Hospital project, and we suspect the Health Facilities & Services Review Board may have already received requests for a hearing and/or written comment regarding it. We respectfully submit that any written comment or request for public hearing relating to the project received prior to the application being submitted is irrelevant. Also, we respectfully request you consider scheduling a single public hearing for the two applications, as they both relate to the same subject matter, which is the replacement of St. Elizabeth's Hospital on a new site.

As always, thank you.

Sincerely,


Clare Connor Ranalli

cc: Susan Beeler
Janet Scheuerman

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