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Mascoutah, Illinois
September 14, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761
RE: Project Application #14-043

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in opposition to the Certificate of Need filed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Illinois, Project Application #14-043.

I am strongly opposed to the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital from Belleville to O'Fallon, Illinois because doing so will cut the available services and hospital beds for area patients. Additionally, the proposed O'Fallon site is a duplication of the services that will be offered to area residents at Memorial East, scheduled to admit patients in early 2016.

We do not need another hospital along the I-64 corridor that would be located less than two miles from Memorial East. Metro East residents living in the area of the current St. Elizabeth's Hospital and in communities to the south and west of the present location will be severely under served if St. Elizabeth's relocates their hospital. In particular, residents with limited transportation, financial resources and other resources will be the most impacted by this proposed move.

Seven years ago, my mother suddenly went into respiratory arrest. Her condition was severe and emergent. Fortunately my mother was able to be transported to St. Elizabeth's, the nearest hospital, where she received excellent care and she recovered with no complications or physical limitations. If St. Elizabeth's hospital were not located at their present address, there is no doubt that my mother's outcome would have not been good. It is likely that she would have suffered severe complications and it is very possible that she would not have survived.

I respectfully request that you deny a Certificate of Need to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,



The Rev Jan S Worms