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September 17, 2014

Mr. Mike Constantino  
Supervisor  
Project Review Board Section  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms Avery:

My wife and I are opposed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital request to move their inpatient facilities from Belleville to O'Fallon. We feel that this move will under serve the needs of the residents of Belleville, East St. Louis, Alorton, Brooklyn, Cahokia, Dupo, Centreville, Columbia, Caseyville, Fairview Heights, Freeburg, Hollywood Heights, Millstadt, Mascoutah, New Athens, Smithton, and Washing ton Park. It seems that the only communities that benefit are O'Fallon, Shiloh, and Lebanon which will be served by Memorial Hospital's new hospital in Shiloh to be completed in 2016.

We don't feel that St. Elizabeth's Hospital needs a new location. If the hospital is beyond repair, which we don't feel is the case, they can easily find a new location in Belleville. The mayor of Belleville, Mark Eckert, is very willing to find them a new location in Belleville if that is necessary.

The request for a move seems to be based on St. Elizabeth's Hospital desire to get a better payor mix. Their request for a move does not appear to be based on their mission to serve the poor.

Sincerely yours,



Terry Walther  
Charlotte Walther