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Dear Sir,

I am a life-long resident of Belleville and strongly opposed to "my hospital" moving to another city. You'll notice I said "my hospital", that is because St. Elizabeth's has been woven into the fabric of my life. Grandparents, parents, children, other family members, myself included have been patients there, recovered from some illness, born and even died there. St. Elizabeth's is such an important part of our family, that it's inconceivable that it would relocate! Taking St. E's away from Belleville will affect countless families who have come to know it as a refuge in a time of personal crisis.
They say it's only 7 miles to the new location, it might as well be 70 miles because those 7 miles are not easily accessible for many people in and around Belleville.
I ask you to consider us, those who have a long history with St. E's in Belleville,

when the time comes to make a decision.
Thank you for considering my request.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mr. Constantino;

I do not want St. Elizabeth's hospital to leave Belleville.

1. The Hospital Sisters are turning away from their mission of serving the poor. They are chasing money — not considering the impact on surrounding communities that do not have hospitals and use St. Elizabeths.
2. The proposed move will have a negative effect on Belleville's economy. Especially if the vacant hospital building sits fallow for the next 50 years.
3. Outpatient Services at St. Elizabeth's (the proposed use) is a joke.
4. I will never use the St. Elizabeth Hospital if it moves, and will encourage others not to.

Thank you, Georgia Ann Edwards

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Dear Sir,

I have been a resident of Belleville for 46 yrs, and I was a practicing dentist in downtown Belleville for 20 yrs, and I am strongly opposed to the closing and relocating of St Elizabeth's Hospital.

St Elizabeth's hospital has been an integral part of this city for over 100 yrs, and it would be devastating to this city, the county seat, to have it closed. It would have a profound effect on the economy, and make it much more difficult for patient care for much of the surrounding area - especially for the poor! There is no bus service, metro or other convenient means of transportation to this area. Also Memorial Hospital is building a sattelite hospital just a short distance from the projected new hospital.

They claim to be land locked, but the major hospital in St Louis, Barnes, is also land locked. They remodeled - not moved. St Mary's Hospital in Clayton did not move. They remodeled and stayed where they are!

Please keep St Elizabeth where it is for economic & health service reasons, jobs, & over all good of the city & region.

James J Wiegler DDS