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

RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Courtney Avery:

I acknowledge that St. Elizabeth's Hospital has been a long-standing anchor to the downtown Belleville business community and long provided quality healthcare and services to the Belleville community and surrounding areas.

I oppose the proposed relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital outside of Belleville, further finding that such relocation would be detrimental to the entire Belleville community. I am referring to project application #14-043.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James Hesse

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Mr. Mike Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Board
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RE: Objection to Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL

I am writing to you today in opposition of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL for several reasons.

The proposed site that was purchased by St. Elizabeth's Hospital is located less than 2 miles away from the site where Memorial Hospital is building a satellite hospital. This close proximity would be a duplication of services that is not needed in the O'Fallon/Shiloh area.

The intent of this project is not to increase services in Southern Illinois but to close the doors to their existing hospital located in Belleville, IL which is located in a nearby town. This strategy would abandon the current services that St. Elizabeth's Hospital provides to the residents in Belleville, IL.

The city of O'Fallon, IL will be paying an estimated cost of \$22.5 million dollars in order to fill the mines located under the property site where St. Elizabeth's plans to build. This was an agreement made between the city and the hospital in order for St. Elizabeth's to agree to purchase the property. The spending of this tax money is unjustified when O'Fallon residents are told that the city could not afford services to the residents of O'Fallon.

Many of the residents in the city of O'Fallon, IL do not want the hospital due to the above reasons. As a resident in a neighborhood that borders the project site I ask that you object the plan that St. Elizabeth's Hospital has submitted to build this replacement hospital. As a property owner to property that borders the site I am concerned about the effects of filling the mines located on the property as well as the effect on the value of our home. We reside in a small neighborhood that will be closed in with commercial property surrounding the entire neighborhood which will cause many problems such as increased traffic and noise levels. The city's original plan for the site was to re-zone it as another neighborhood if the property was ever to be rezoned for anything other than agriculture.

As a medical professional I ask you to object the project because the services are duplication to the services that Memorial Hospital will already be providing to the residents of O'Fallon, IL.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. Robyn Klaver

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