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

RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I've been reading the paper, and hope my voice might be heard. I'm all for St. Elizabeth's new hospital. I live in New Baden, retired military. The Scott Air Force Base hospital is out of the picture for the most part. I'm sure a lot of military would go to St. Elizabeth's new hospital in O'Fallon, active duty and retired. A lot of military, active as well as retired live out this way. For many, the replacement hospital in O'Fallon would be more accessible rather than traveling into Belleville.

St. Joseph's Hospital is fine, but for real serious issues they can't handle, often they refer patients. We need that higher-level of care in Illinois, which will also help to attract additional physicians and specialists to our region. In an emergency when minutes count, high-level care and highly skilled physicians will mean a lot.

Also, while considering that new hospital, what about a hospital or some kind of care unit for children only? When you see a family care physician, or pediatrician and they can't quite figure out what the problem is, they send you to St. Louis, Children's or Cardinal Glennon because they have specialists, technology, and equipment for children. We need something here for that also. We need to stop making trips to St. Louis and have our own care facility.

I believe you will have a need for the new St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the future. Scott Air Force Base will be growing with new units coming in. Why should that veteran go to St. Louis or anyone else if they could stay in Illinois?

It's not about what Belleville needs; it's a need for everyone in the Metro East region. I just wanted to write to support this need.

Sincerely,

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TO: ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL

FROM: RALPH C. AND DOLORES JANSEN

WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE IN FAVOR OF YOU
BUILDING A NEW FACILITY IN O'FALLON, IL. I KNOW THE
PRESENT, ALTHOUGH THE BEST CARE IS GIVEN TO THE
PATIENTS, HOWEVER ONLY YOU ALL KNOW WHAT IS BEST
TO DO IN FUTURE YEARS.

YOURS TRULY.

Ralph C Jansen
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I strongly support the construction of a new facility for St Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon Illinois. I feel that the people of this region are entitled to high quality, state-of-art facilities and technology that the current facility does not offer. There are many people who travel to St Louis for their health care at this time (and have been for some time) as their medical needs cannot be met on this side of the river. Additionally, the proximity of the proposed location for this site to I-64 & several main arteries will enable people, particularly those who travel from towns east of O'Fallon and are not currently served by a quality facility where they live, to access healthcare services much more conveniently than to the current facility of St Elizabeth's in Belleville.

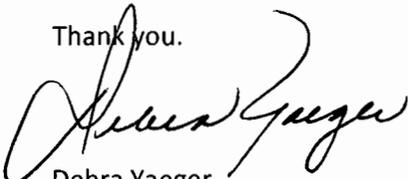
An additional factor that has played into my personal decision to not use St Elizabeth's in Belleville (and this is where I was born in 1956 as well as many of my family members) is that I do not feel safe in that area anymore when I visit someone who is hospitalized there. It is a depressed area where you have to park in isolated parking lots to visit those who are hospitalized and it is not unusual to have at least one or two people on your way to the hospital with whom you feel you have to be particularly on guard. Once in the hospital, there is a lack of security at the entrances, reinforcing one's already uneasy feelings about being there. This is something that has been conveyed to me in conversations many times in the past by others who will not use St Elizabeth's.

With this proposed new location in O'Fallon, a lot of these issues will also be addressed and those in need of services will be more apt to stay on this side of the river and choose St Elizabeth's as well.

I do not feel that this will impact those who are employed currently, as some will drive a little longer, but then there will also be those who will drive shorter distances to work as well. I should think that the tradeoff of job security from a much more successful facility would more than offset that inconvenience.

I have great faith that those who manage St Elizabeth's will do all that they can to serve the population in Belleville who maintains that they will not receive proper care should a new hospital be built. I seriously doubt that they will abandon these people, as those who are trying to spread fear maintain. To do so would be in direct conflict with the vision and mission statement of the Hospital Sisters Health System.

Thank you.



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