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October 3, 2014

Mr. Mike Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Board
525 West Jefferson Street 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Reference Project #14-043

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am a resident of St. Clair County and live in the area south of Millstadt, Illinois. Last night I attended the Public Hearing at Lindenwood University Auditorium in Belleville, Illinois.

**I AM OPPOSED TO HAVING ST. ELIZABETHS MOVE TO O'FALLON,
ILLINOIS!**

Residents living in the area south of Millstadt will experience a more lengthy travel time, which could cost lives in cases of emergency. I was born at St. Elizabeths and have a special place in my heart for the good works they have done for Belleville and the surrounding areas.

Please give this careful consideration, for we want St. Elizabeth's to stay in Belleville where they are needed most.

Sincerely,



Rose Marie Fitzgerald
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Millstadt, IL 62260
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Dolores F. Stover
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Swansea, IL

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To: Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Project Application #14-043

I am a retired nurse living in the Belleville area. My concern is about the possible relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital out of Belleville to O'Fallon, IL.

My reasons are:

A second hospital with full services is not needed in the O'Fallon area since Memorial will open in the near future its second facility with full services.

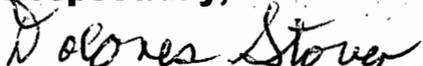
Memorial hospital in Belleville will be given extra primary and emergency care due to the absence of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

There are more indigent people in the Belleville area than O'Fallon and public transportation is more readily available in Belleville for both patients and employees.

Medicare recently fined St. Elizabeth's for frequent patient reentry whereas Memorial was not. In my professional observation this hospital has frequent short staffing in nurse /patient ratio.

More modern facilities in an outlying area do not always make for better medical care for the greater population. A smaller satellite facility would be a better plan following the plan of Barnes-Jewish in St. Louis.

Respectfully,


Dolores Stover, BSN, BA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED MOVE OF
ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL IN BELLEVILLE, IL TO O'FALLON, IL

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Smithton Village Board to act in the best interest of approximately 4,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Smithton is located approximately 7 miles south of St. Elizabeth's present location; and

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's move to O'Fallon would add an additional 7 miles of travel time and traffic congestion for Smithton residents; and

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's move to O'Fallon would reduce access to quality and affordable health care for medical and emergency services; and

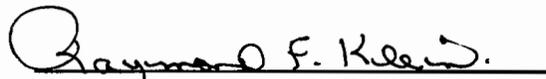
WHEREAS, the closure of St. Elizabeth's in Belleville will impact the elderly and those residents with limited resources the most.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Village of Smithton does hereby oppose the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville to O'Fallon, IL.

SECTION 2: That the Village of Smithton encourages the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to recognize the negative impact the relocation will have on area patients and deny the applications.

APPROVED this 7th day of October, 2014.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK

1021 West "E" Street

St. Paul's Home

Belleville, Illinois 62220

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Dear Mr. Constantino and Members of the Review Board:

I love St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. Especially when I realize the unthinkable, that it is threatened.

I was born in that hospital, my mother was born there in 1928, and my four siblings were born there. My father died there, and I hope to die there. God, through Dr. Dothager, saved my life there by bringing me out of a coma I had fallen in to following a surgery. On that occasion and others that I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's, I have found the doctors, nurses and aides, the housekeepers and food service personnel friendly, caring and competent. On still other occasions, as when I have been at the hospital for blood tests, I have been struck by how clean the hospital is; the hallways and entrance hall floors literally sparkle. These floors are made of terraza, made to last as long as there is life on Earth. The hallways and rooms are spacious, so that one does not feel crowded or confined. *One cannot afford to duplicate in new construction such spaciousness and comfortableness.*

A dear friend's wife has been a most dedicated nurse at St. Elizabeth's for nearly forty years. She is truly an exemplar of the virtues of the woman after whom the hospital is named. In the entrance lobby of the hospital are several images of St. Elizabeth of Hungary standing in a doorway, giving food to people who needed it. Her mission was the caring vision that the Hospital Sisters brought to this part of America in the later decades of the nineteenth century. It would not seem in the nature of Elizabeth or the Sisters to seek more prosperous surroundings.

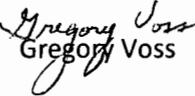
I fear that, if the hospital were moved, there would be a great void, physically and economically, in the heart of Belleville. The fine building itself cannot be anything but a hospital, and should not have to. The city of East St. Louis was once home to two hospitals. What terrible blows to that city when each of them closed. The vibrant activity and life that such an institution brings are irreplaceable. The city to

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which the administration of St. Elizabeth's proposes to move the hospital has been flourishing in recent decades. Now that Memorial Hospital has begun construction there, it seems open to question whether O'Fallon will need a second hospital. The removal of St. Elizabeth's, though, would be catastrophic for Belleville.

What would become of the impressive new Heart Institute Building, whose doctors have won national commendation? What of the quite new emergency room wing that serves so many people so well? The doctors' office buildings on Lincoln Street and on Third Street—would they continue to be occupied if the hospital were to be moved? The hospital's sturdy parking garage would be largely wasted if the hospital were to be largely vacant. What would become of the beautiful chapel? This wonderful assembly of buildings was constructed over generations to serve for the ages, and it is unconscionable to think of squandering this great resource.

Sincerely,


Gregory Voss

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Mr. Brian Mentzer, *Asst. Superintendent*
Ms. Melissa Taylor, *Director of Student Services*
Mrs. Andrea Gannon, *Director of Alternative Education*

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the resolution opposing the proposed relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital that was adopted by the Belleville Township High School District #201 Board of Education on September 15, 2014.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Ellison
Board Secretary

Enclosure

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RELOCATION
OF ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of Belleville Township High School District No. 201 ("School District") is keenly concerned with the proximity of quality medical care for its students, employees, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the proximity of a quality, full-service hospital is critical for enhancing the health, safety and well-being of the students of the School District, both while in the academic setting and while competing in athletic contests and other extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that St. Elizabeth's Hospital has long been a reliable partner in providing such quality healthcare services to the students, employees and families of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has heard rumors and media reports to the effect that the Hospital Sisters Health System is considering relocating St. Elizabeth's Hospital from its downtown Belleville location to some other location, more remote from Belleville and outside the boundaries of the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Belleville Township High School District No. 201, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Board of Education of Belleville Township High School District 201 hereby registers its strong opposition to the proposed relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital outside of

School District boundaries, further finding that such relocation would be detrimental to the best interests of the School District, its students, employees and their families.

Section 3. The Superintendent of the School District is hereby directed to disseminate this Resolution in newspapers and other media in circulation within the School District, as appropriate.

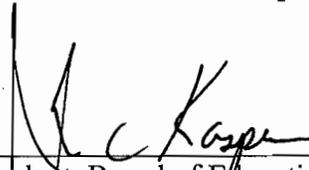
Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 15 th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Bartle Schaefer, Scharf, Schroeder Kasper

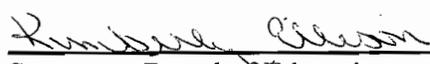
NAYS: Eckert

ABSENT: Lampkin



President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Education