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

RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

The two of us are writing to support the move of St. Elizabeth Hospital to the I-64 corridor in O'Fallon. By choice we moved to the Belleville area 21 years ago. My husband is a retired orthodontist and for the past few years I have served on the Friends of St. Elizabeth Leadership Council. Serving in this capacity, I have seen first hand the need for a new facility.

St. Elizabeth is in a landlocked situation. All of the progress in the greater Belleville area has been moving east to the I-64 corridor. This location would make it an easier destination for patients in outlying towns to reach medical care. Ultimately it makes sense to build a new facility that would be able to adjust to rapid changes in medical technology and keep up with modern hospital codes.

We stand behind St. Elizabeth's mission to provide excellent health care to anyone in need. We support a new building and location for St. Elizabeth Hospital so that it can continue to give the best health care for more patients. They come first.

Sincerely,

Doris Ecker A. J. Ecker

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