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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:

As a resident of the metro east region, I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

I have lived in the Metro East area for a little over two years; previously a resident of Maryland. I am retired but volunteer with the O'Fallon Garden Club.

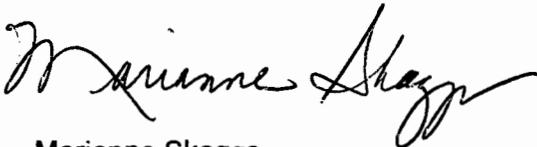
I am fortunate that none of my family or friends has required hospitalization since moving here. My primary care physician is affiliated with St. Elizabeth's and I'm happy with the care he and his practice provide.

O'Fallon is a growing community in need of a local hospital. Moving St. Elizabeth to a location easily reached by a major interstate is beneficial to many. I also believe incorporating state of the art medical technology would be tremendously important to patients and their families.

Better facilities will likely translate into more Metro East residents using the hospital. I know of several people who travel to St. Louis for medical care rather than staying "east of the river." A new hospital with upgraded facilities and is easily accessible to many would be beneficial on many levels to the Metro East.

Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please let this letter act as my complete support and endorsement of the development of the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

The short term and long term benefits that will be derived from such a development will serve the citizens of Southwestern Illinois for generations to come.

Instead of the perceived fears of abandonment by the City of Belleville and the perceived redundancy of services by Memorial Hospital, this new replacement hospital development on a new 106 acre Campus, will allow Southwestern Illinois to attract new ancillary jobs and critical synergy in the medical and bioscience industries. The synergy of major medical facilities will grow the Southwestern Illinois job base and actually benefit Belleville and surrounding communities in every direction.

On a final note, I find it quite disingenuous, hypocritical and parochial of the City of Belleville to so vehemently object to this move from the center of Belleville, considering **Belleville sent a representative group to Hospital Sisters Health Systems corporate office on January 13, 2011 to lobby for moving the current St. Elizabeth's hospital 4 miles east of downtown Belleville next to Southwestern Illinois College.** All Belleville is concerned with is the name of Belleville being associated with the name of St. Elizabeth's weather it is in the center of Belleville or four miles outside of the center of Belleville.

The O'Fallon site is far superior in every way!

Sincerely,



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