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

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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

This letter is to express my sincere support of a replacement hospital so that St. Elizabeth's Hospital may better serve the people of the area. Given the delivery of health care today, with more high technology and a facility that can provide these demands as well as offer convenient outpatient and inpatient services, a land site different from the present landlocked area is needed.

The planners have taken many things into consideration including the plan to continue to serve the poor in this new location of just 7 miles away from the present location. The care of the sick, poor and needy have been and remains a hallmark of the mission of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

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.

With hope,

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