Support Letters as of November 24, 2014

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- Printed letters are in chronological order (oldest to newest).
- Provided dump drive with PDF files should be viewed in details mode and sorted by date modified (oldest to newest) to maintain proper letter order.
- Letters with blue tabs are some of the strongest letters to date.
- Letters with pink tabs had some sort of issue that we wanted to bring to your attention.

Noted Letter Issues:

Letter Name	Issue
Cindy Voegtle	This is the last letter that includes phone number and email address (that you have been blacking out). After being asked to remove both, we worked with McDaniels to update for all future letters.
Sr. Gabrielle Rowe	Cut off sentence.
Kimbery Patterson	Did not sign in signature box. Majority of signature missing.
Whitney Heischmidt	Identical duplicate that came through module. May have been caused by a hiccup in the server.
Thomas Schmidt	Identical duplicate that came through module. May have been caused by a hiccup in the server.
Tracey Holmes	Cut off sentence.
Yolanda Eads	Cut off sentence.
Laura Lake	Cut off sentence.
Jolivette Butler	Signature went outside of box, so only partial signature shown.
Melissa Smallenberger	Test letter. This was submitted by our web developer as a test.
Melissa Smallenberger	Test letter identical duplicate. This was submitted as a test.
Mark Runner	Invalid support letter. This is a letter of opposition.
Deborah Vogel	Did not sign in signature box. Majority of signature missing.
Marla Carpizo	Did not sign in signature box. Majority of signature missing and cut off sentence.
Julie Denton	Invalid second submission. This was allowed by submitting with a second email address.
Charles Bailey	Did not sign in signature box. Majority of signature missing.
Rhonda Meyer	Identical duplicate that came through module. May have been caused by a hiccup in the server.

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My name is Susan Beeler and I am writing to you today in SUPPORT of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I am the Project Manager for the St. Elizabeth's Replacement Hospital and would like to make you and the board members aware of a couple of **MISREPRESENTATIONS** by the opposition.

First and foremost, I would like you to know that colleagues from St. Elizabeth's and HSHS thoroughly researched where the best place to locate St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the next 100 years of service to the region. We spent countless hours studying data, maps, land parcels, estimates, easements, right of ways, governing bodies, and all rules and regulations that apply to health care facilities. In the end, we determined that I-64 site was the most suitable location for us to deliver care to **ALL** the patients that we serve.

I know the opposition would like you to believe that if we locate our hospital at the planned site that it would "financially devastate Memorial East." When Memorial made the decision to **duplicate its own services, dilute its own market share** and **double expenses** with a satellite facility located only 7 miles from their current campus they set the foundation for any financial problems they may be having (documented via Memorial East CON attachment 20c3, handwritten page 110). During the HFSRB hearing in which their application was approved, there were several references to Memorial "taking a gamble" on their project. We believe that Memorial took a very bad gamble in how they decided to utilize limited health care resources and we believe that St. Elizabeth's should not be blamed for their **reckless lack** of business acumen and thoughtful planning.

The opposition has stated that we are moving to a better payer mix. The Memorial CEO in his CON testimony on Memorial satellite project answered HFSRB member Mr. Sewell when asked if the payer mix changes at the Shiloh location in terms of Medicare and Medicaid , by stating "the payer mix is very, very similar to what we have now " (transcript of CON hearing 6/28/11, page278, lines 10-14). We do not believe it is fair for Mr. Turner to testify under oath at his own CON hearing that his payer mix does not change and then accuse St. Elizabeth's of moving for a better payer mix to a location that is less than two miles away. We concur with Mr. Turner's testimony that our payer mix does not change.

When reviewing the opposing letters, we noted that 104 of the 147 letters posted online, as of the date of this letter (see project #14-043 HFSRB applications deemed complete website) mention "Memorial Hospital's ED being at capacity", over flowing, etc., and/or mention "duplication of services". We find it interesting that members of the general public would have firsthand knowledge of ED capacities and would reference the term "duplication of services." It would be reasonable to assume that those letters are generated by the leadership at Memorial Hospital and not a true reflection of genuine organic opposition in the community.

Even if these letters are considered at face value, I would point out that CON rules state that in order for an ED to be at capacity, it requires 2000 visits per ED station (IL Admin Code Section 1110.appendix B state guidelines-square footage and utilization). Memorial Hospital Belleville has 36 ED stations and 52,000 visits for the reported year 2013 AHQ (see attached 2013 Memorial Hospital data submission to IDPH for Annual Hospital Questionnaire AHQ). The math would be 2000 x 36=72,000 visits. 72,000-52,000=20,000 available visits to get to capacity. 20,000 visits just at the Memorial Hospital Belleville, then you add the 8 ED stations they are building at Shiloh x 2000=16,000 more visits, that leaves 36,000 visits open for patients to come to their hospital **BEFORE** it is at capacity. As for duplication of services, the two hospitals in Belleville are currently 4 miles apart, so if that is not a duplication of services by Memorial, I don't know what is. We question whether Memorial is in effect stating that is okay for them to duplicate its services in Shiloh, and therefore other health care entities should not be allowed to provide care to patients anywhere near their new location.

Dr. Schenerwerk, one of Memorial's employed physicians, stated in public testimony that he is worried about his patients in Smithton, getting to St. Elizabeth's. However, less than 3 years ago he wrote a letter to his patients, saying he would no longer go to St. Elizabeth's so they needed to go to Memorial. We are still hearing from his patients that he puts extreme pressure on them to use Memorial instead of St. Elizabeth's. Meanwhile, many of our patients from Smithton have written letters in support of our project (see project #14-043 HFSRB applications deemed complete website).

Finally, I want to comment on the opposition from the Mayor of Belleville. I completely understand his position as an elected official whose job is to represent and advocate for the residents of Belleville. What I don't understand is, less than 4 years **ago Mayor Eckert invited St. Elizabeth Hospital to relocate from downtown Belleville to an unincorporated area of St. Clair Township four miles from our current campus.** Why was it okay for us to move our hospital four years ago, but not now? It seems it is ok to go outside of Belleville as long as it is to a place the Mayor suggests.

Please support and approve St. Elizabeth's project on its merits. While the opposition has made a lot of noise, in reality, the vast majority of the noise is being made by the Mayor of Belleville and Memorial Hospital. There are 147 letters of opposition submitted on the HFSRB website for this project, and **961** letters of support as of the date of this letter (See project #14-043 HFSRB applications deemed complete website). I think this speaks volume, without us having to speak loudly.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Beeler

Susan Beeler

important, extremely important to me and our organization that you understand we are not leaving Belleville. We are staying. We are just going to provide all private rooms to our Belleville residents and all private rooms to the other residents who, for the most part, are already leaving our community.

MR. SEWELL: What's the population of Shiloh?

MR. TURNER: Shiloh -- O'Fallon is approximately 25,000. Shiloh is 12,600.

MR. SEWELL: What are you estimating will be your payor mix at the Shiloh facility in terms of Medicare/Medicaid.

MR. TURNER: Again, a very good question. We anticipate it being very, very similar to what we have now.

MR. SEWELL: Do I have assurances from you that there's no long-term plan to build up Shiloh and eventually close Belleville?

MR. TURNER: You have long-term assurance, sir. You don't invest $15 million a year, $25 million right now under way, $5 million renovation on our nursing facility -- in fact, part of this is when you look at the financial ratios, as a not-for-profit hospital, a community-owned organization, you put the money back in to it. If we -- if we wanted to be a bank, we could have done

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 77: PUBLIC HEALTH
CHAPTER II: HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD
SUBCHAPTER a: ILLINOIS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES PLAN
PART 1110 PROCESSING, CLASSIFICATION POLICIES AND REVIEW CRITERIA
SECTION 1110.APPENDIX B STATE GUIDELINES - SQUARE FOOTAGE AND UTILIZATION

Section 1110.APPENDIX B State Guidelines – Square Footage and Utilization

The following area standards are established for departments, clinical service areas and facilities. All Diagnostic and Treatment utilization numbers are the minimums per unit for establishing more than one unit, except where noted in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100. HFSRB shall periodically evaluate the guidelines to determine if revisions should be made. Any revisions will be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100].

Definitions pertaining to this Appendix are contained in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100.220.

HOSPITAL-BASED SERVICES

For hospitals, area determinations for departments and clinical service areas are to be made in departmental gross square feet (dgsf). Spaces to be included in the applicant's determination of square footage shall include all functional areas minimally required by the Hospital Licensing Act, applicable federal certification, and any additional spaces required by the applicant's operational program.

Service Areas	**Square Feet/Unit or Key Room**	**Annual Utilization/Unit**
ACUTE CARE		
Medical-Surgical, Pediatric, Obstetric & Long-Term Acute Care Service	500-660 dgsf/Bed	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
Newborn Nursery (includes Level I, Level II, and Level II+ with extended neonatal capabilities)	160 dgsf/Obstetrics Bed & LDRP	
Labor Delivery Recovery (LDR)	1120-1600 dgsf/Room	400 Births/LDR Room
Labor Delivery Recovery Post-partum (LDRP)	1120-1600 dgsf/Bed	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
C-Section Suite	2075 dgsf/OR	800 Procedures/Room
Acute Mental Illness Service	440-560 dgsf/Bed	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Service	525-660 dgsf/Bed	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
Hospital-Based Long-Term Care	440-560 dgsf/Bed	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
CRITICAL CARE		
Intensive Care Service	600-685 dgsf/Bed	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) or Level III Nursery	434-568 dgsf/Bed or Bassinet	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100
DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT		
Diagnostic/Interventional Radiology		

(Excludes portables & mobile equipment/Utilization)		
• General Radiology	1300 dgsf/Unit	8000 procedures
• Fluoroscopy/Tomography/Other X-ray procedures	1300 dgsf/Unit	6500 procedures
• Dedicated Chest	900 dgsf/Unit	9000 procedures
• Mammography	900 dgsf/Unit	5000 visits
• Ultra-Sound	900 dgsf/Unit	3100 visits
• Angiography (Special Procedures)	1800 dgsf/Unit	1800 visits
• CT Scan	1800 dgsf/Unit	7000 visits
• PET	1800 dgsf/Unit	3600 visits
• MRI	1800 dgsf/Unit	2500 procedures
• Nuclear Medicine	1600 dgsf/Unit	2000 visits
Radiation Therapy		
• Accelerator	2400 dgsf/ Accelerator	7500 treatments
• Simulator	1800 dgsf/ Simulator	
Emergency Department	900 dgsf/ Treatment Station	2000 visits/station/year
Cardiac Catheterization	1800 dgsf	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100 for establishment of service 1500 visits/year for additional units
Ambulatory Care	800 dgsf	2000 visits/year
Surgical Operating Suite (Class C)	2750 dgsf/ Operating Room	1500 hrs/Operating Room
Surgical Procedure Suite (Class B)	1100 dgsf/ Procedure Room	1500 hrs/Procedure Room
Post-Anesthesia Recovery Phase I	180 dgsf/Recovery Station	
Post-Anesthesia Recovery Phase II	400 dgsf/Recovery Station	
In-Center Hemodialysis	470 dgsf/Station	See 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100

Surgery and Operating Room Utilization

Surgical Specialty	Operating Rooms				Surgical Cases		Surgical Hours			Hours per Case	
	Inpatient	Outpatient	Combined	Total	Inpatient	Outpatient	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total Hours	Inpatient	Outpatient
Cardiovascular	0	0	2	2	246	9	1299	12	1311	5.3	1.3
Dermatology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
General	0	0	18	18	1570	1855	2832	2018	4850	1.8	1.1
Gastroenterology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Neurology	0	0	0	0	254	28	716	24	740	2.8	0.9
OB/Gynecology	0	0	0	0	368	705	851	686	1537	2.3	1.0
Oral/Maxillofacial	0	0	0	0	9	383	9	691	700	1.0	1.8
Ophthalmology	0	0	0	0	2	287	2	242	244	1.0	0.8
Orthopedic	0	0	0	0	891	918	1678	1141	2819	1.9	1.2
Otolaryngology	0	0	0	0	98	592	130	532	662	1.3	0.9
Plastic Surgery	0	0	0	0	82	787	127	592	719	1.5	0.8
Podiatry	0	0	0	0	26	320	29	315	344	1.1	1.0
Thoracic	0	0	0	0	76	41	73	32	105	1.0	0.8
Urology	0	0	0	0	245	742	261	862	1123	1.1	1.2
Totals	**0**	**0**	**20**	**20**	**3867**	**6667**	**8007**	**7147**	**15154**	**2.1**	**1.1**

SURGICAL RECOVERY STATIONS Stage 1 Recovery Stations 22 Stage 2 Recovery Stations 36

Dedicated and Non-Dedicated Procedure Room Utilzation

Procedure Type	Procedure Rooms				Surgical Cases		Surgical Hours			Hours per Case	
	Inpatient	Outpatient	Combined	Total	Inpatient	Outpatient	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total Hours	Inpatient	Outpatient
Gastrointestinal	0	0	9	9	1396	2344	1961	2357	4318	1.4	1.0
Laser Eye Procedures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Pain Management	0	0	4	4	123	5048	107	1728	1835	0.9	0.3
Cystoscopy	0	0	2	2	187	333	172	325	497	0.9	1.0
Multipurpose Non-Dedicated Rooms											
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

Emergency/Trauma Care

Certified Trauma Center		No
Level of Trauma Service	**Level 1**	**Level 2**
	(Not Answered)	Not Answered
Operating Rooms Dedicated for Trauma Care		0
Number of Trauma Visits:		0
Patients Admitted from Trauma		0
Emergency Service Type:		Comprehensive
Number of Emergency Room Stations		36
Persons Treated by Emergency Services:		52,333
Patients Admitted from Emergency:		10,850
Total ED Visits (Emergency+Trauma):		**52,333**

Free-Standing Emergency Center

Beds in Free-Standing Centers	0
Patient Visits in Free-Standing Centers	0
Hospital Admissions from Free-Standing Center	0

Outpatient Service Data

Total Outpatient Visits	**304,791**
Outpatient Visits at the Hospital/ Campus:	268,347
Outpatient Visits Offsite/off campus	36,444

Cardiac Catheterization Labs

Total Cath Labs (Dedicated+Nondedicated labs):	**4**
Cath Labs used for Angiography procedures	2
Dedicated Diagnostic Catheterization Lab	0
Dedicated Interventional Catheterization Labs	0
Dedicated EP Catheterization Labs	0

Cardiac Catheterization Utilization

Total Cardiac Cath Procedures:	**1,556**
Diagnostic Catheterizations (0-14)	0
Diagnostic Catheterizations (15+)	1,219
Interventional Catheterizations (0-14):	0
Interventional Catheterization (15+)	284
EP Catheterizations (15+)	53

Cardiac Surgery Data

Total Cardiac Surgery Cases:	**179**
Pediatric (0 - 14 Years):	0
Adult (15 Years and Older):	179
Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts (CABGs) performed of total Cardiac Cases :	140

Diagnostic/Interventional Equipment	Owned	Contract	Examinations Inpatient	Examinations Outpt	Examinations Contract
General Radiography/Fluoroscopy	26	0	24,985	62,055	0
Nuclear Medicine	5	0	3,666	7,441	0
Mammography	3	0	177	26,427	0
Ultrasound	13	0	1,788	7,175	0
Angiography	4	0			
Diagnostic Angiography			363	192	0
Interventional Angiography			89	214	0
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)	0	0	0	0	0
Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT)	4	0	10,605	30,909	0
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	3	0	1,804	6,213	0

Therapeutic Equipment	Owned	Contract	Therapies/ Treatments
Lithotripsy	0	225	225
Linear Accelerator	0	0	0
Image Guided Rad Therapy			0
Intensity Modulated Rad Thrp			0
High Dose Brachytherapy	5	0	5
Proton Beam Therapy	0	0	0
Gamma Knife	0	0	0
Cyber knife	0	0	0

Source: 2013 Annual Hospital Questionnaire, Illinois Department of Public Health, Health Systems Development.

CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

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December 17, 2010

Mr. Mark Reifsteck, Southern Illinois Division President
Sister Mary Ann Minor, OSF, Chair
Mr. Larry Schumacher, Interim President, CEO, COO
Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS)
4936 LaVerna Road
Springfield, Illinois 62707

Dear Mr. Reifsteck, Sister Minor, and Mr. Schumaker:

Many kind thanks for the opportunity to present to you the City's response to the Hospital Sisters' request. The City is very interested in continuing, and reinforcing, the ministry of healing and the mutually beneficial relationship that St. Elizabeth's and the City have enjoyed for more than 135 years.

We are very pleased that St. Elizabeth's is considering a site in Belleville for the development program outlined by Mr. Reifsteck and detailed in Mr. Burke's e-mail of December 7, 2010. We believe that such a project, at this location, will be a tremendous complement to the other major public and private investments that have occurred in this portion of our community. The City is willing and able to provide a wide range of support and incentives to assist in the development of St. Elizabeth's vision at this location, and is equally willing and able to work with St. Elizabeth's in maintaining and enriching its presence, and facilities, in downtown Belleville. We see both St. Elizabeth's historic and continuing commitment to downtown, and this new investment, in Belleville, as essential to the continuing revitalization of our community.

The enclosed materials provide you more specific information concerning the City's response to your request. I trust that this information regarding the economic incentives, the physical conditions and setting of the site, as well as the partnerships that we see as attainable at this site, demonstrate that Belleville is the best location for St. Elizabeth's investment. Moreover, I am committed to remaining personally involved

in the City's effort to help St. Elizabeth's create this development in Belleville, and will be pleased to meet with either of you at your convenience to discuss this proposal in further detail.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Eckert

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

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cc: Mr. James Burke, Divisional VP, Business Development & Administration, HSHS
Representative Tom Holbrook, 113th District
Senator James Clayborne, 57th District
Chairman Mark Kern, St. Clair County Board

Development Proposal

Prepared for:

Hospital Sisters Health System
Southern Division
St. Elizabeth's Hospital

City of Belleville, Illinois

December 17, 2010

used by bicyclists, walkers and runners year round. Nearby Brookhill Estates, located south of the proposed St. Elizabeth's site, will soon be connecting its own bike trail to the MetroLink Bike trail thereby connecting a 200 home subdivision to the new St. Elizabeth's property.

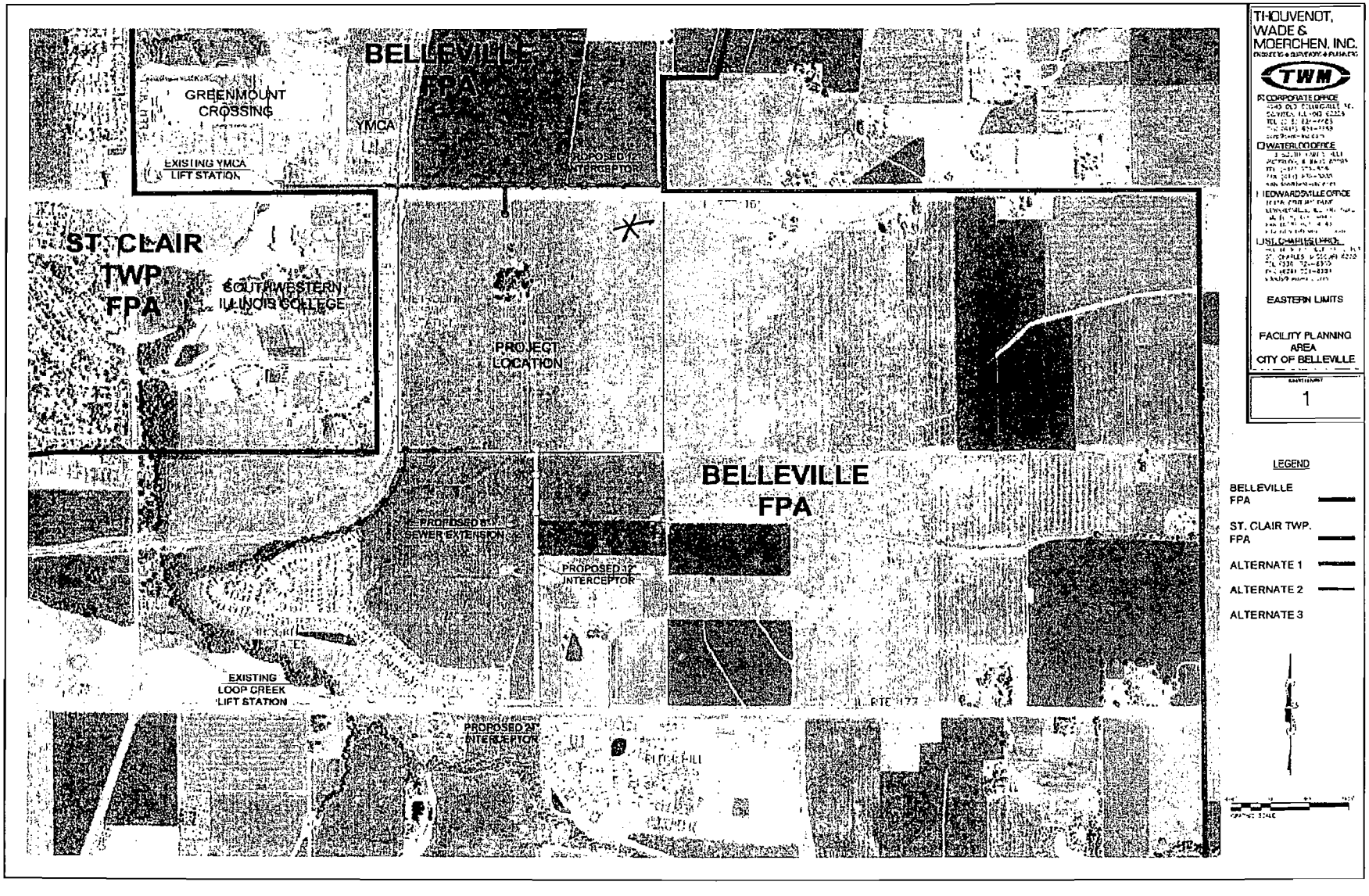
The MetroLink bike trail will soon be extended to the Scott Air Force Base MetroLink station, which will create a direct link between Scott Air Force Base and St. Elizabeth's hospital that supports a healthy lifestyle. As previously discussed, IDOT has committed to and is progressing with plans to build a pedestrian/bikeway overpass over State Route 161 along the MetroLink right-of-way. In addition to its many great trails, Belleville is home to numerous events including the Law Day Run, the Gingerbread Run/Walk, the Tour de Belleville bicycle ride, the Artie Miller Memorial Bike Race and many, many more. The number of these events continues to grow, with at least two new running events added in 2010 alone. Belleville, like no other community in the Metro East, offers a multitude of possibilities to build on Belleville's already strong partnership with St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Conclusion

The City of Belleville is committed to working with the Hospital Sisters Health System to create a vibrant, well-connected and easily accessible site for St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The City believes the site will quickly become part of an institutional hub connecting Scott Air Force Base/TRANSCOM, Southwestern Illinois College, and the larger medical campus. This will in turn drive residential and commercial growth in the immediate area.

The site, as it exists, is suitable for the development proposed by the Hospital in the immediate future, and will sustain long term growth and prosperity due to its unique location adjacent to compatible uses, and as the center of what will become a multi-modal transportation oriented development. Utilities are easily accessible and have the capacity, now, to provide for St. Elizabeth's initial development plan; careful planning will enable a partnership to be created which will make certain that such capacity grows as St. Elizabeth's (and other) investment increases. Access to the site is provided by a quality roadway system and MetroLink. Planned improvements to the highways in and around the site will complement these investments as well. Through programs such as TIF, Enterprise Zone, and Economic Incentive Agreements, the City commits to build upon its longstanding relationship with St. Elizabeth's Hospital by providing appropriate financial assistance which will help the Hospital create the quality project it seeks at this location.

We believe this proposal and the information contained herein supports a decision to expand St. Elizabeth's medical campus at the proposed site. As a community, we would enjoy the opportunity to support the Hospital in continuing its ministry of healing not only at the existing location but at the proposed development site. We are committed to supporting St. Elizabeth's mission through continued cooperation and partnership. The City of Belleville looks forward to another great 135 years of partnership with St. Elizabeth's Hospital.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November 17, 2014

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

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

I am writing to ask for you to accept St. Elizabeth's Hospital request build a new Hospital in O'Fallon.

Obviously, the new hospital would benefit me as I live here in O'Fallon.

A serious concern is that I am on disability and am covered by AARP Medicare Complete throug United Health Care (Advantage Plan). My plan has been making many negative options to our plan. Memorial Hospital is no longer covered. Memorial Doctors are no longer covered. The Ins Plan has dropped some of my other drs. and now have informed if we go out of their network - those charges Will NOT Be covered.

I am in the open-season period to seek out another plan if so desired. So I do understand these options.

But now to my reasons for letting St. Elizabeth's Rebuild in O'Fallon. I have been admitted many, many times (First in Year 1984) Also I was born there in 1957. But I have several more

Occasions on which I was hospitalized. I have also been hospitalized at the Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. Memorial has taken some of the last few years to update their facilites. They have built a large orthopedic building several stories high. They have updated all of their older or out-dated equipment and waiting rooms. They have a very large hospital able to handle many patients and emergencies. They are a hospital in Belleville, IL and is easily accesible from many routes and communities.

St. Elizabeth's has certainly been a wonderful, caring hospital. Their staff has always been professional and compassionate and caring. However there are many updates their hospital needs. They need to update with new modern technology. They deserve and are expected to "Keep up

with the times." Common sense says: how can they update, improve and reach new technogical advances in their present building and location? They cannot expand outward - there is no room. And who in their right mind would expect them to continue to add more levels. Of course that's a ridiculous idea!

Their new location is so very close to Interstate 64. Every community has access to Interstate 64. Our area has a fine 911 call center and very effecient EMT's, Ambulances and fire fighters

It just makes sense in every aspect to allow St. Elizabeth's to build. The entire Metro East is accessible to this new location.

Every year we are bombarded by the new advances and improvements in our laptops,

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cell phones, i pads, etc.
Well a hospital is such a vital, integrable and life-saving establishment it just makes Good Sense to keep up dating and improving with the times. Peoples lifes' are at risk.

Please consider my letter of support.

Sincerely,

Patti Jean Walker
401 North Cherry St.
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(618) 624-3162

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ST. HENRY'S OBLATE RESIDENCE

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Rev. William P. Clark, OMI

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is in support of Sat. Elizabeth's proposal to relocate.

While it may be debatable, my understanding is the difference in accessibility is not great enough to be a cause of concern.

The crucial question is that of economics. Projections and estimates of costs are not always reliable. However, the difference between new construction on the proposed location and remodeling/building on the present site certainly seems great enough to make the move financially advisable.

More importantly, I believe St. Elizabeth's cannot remain financially viable at its present location indefinitely. Thus the prospect is that if it remains where it is it will suffer the fate of St. Mary's of East St. Louis i.e. forced to cease operations.

Thus I strongly recommend approval of their application for a certificate of need.

Respectfully,

William P. Clark, OMI

William P. Clark, OMI

November 25, 2014

Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson St. , Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project 14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery

I am writing to express my support of the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, IL. I've been a patient at St. Elizabeth's Emergency Room and its Heart and Vascular Center and have received excellent care. I have several Drs who go to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I would like to see this hospital located in an area where it is easy to access.

The current hospital is old and outdated and we the patients of St. Elizabeth's deserve a modern update facility that is easily accessed by all, not just by the city of Belleville.

Please allow the hospital to move 7 miles away so me and my family can have easier access to a modern updated, state of the art hospital.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Holloway

Mark Holloway

October 30, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon Illinois for three years. I am an educator.

My mother, who lives with me, has been hospitalized at St. Elizabeth 3 times in the past 3 years and the hospital is very far away. I fear a true emergency situation will arise and she will not be able to be transported to the hospital in time.

The hospital needs to service O'Fallon by being in a better location with the best new technology.

I support St. Elizabeth because I have had to use their services in the past and they truly care about their patients.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

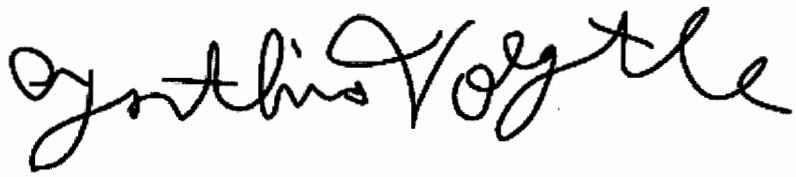
Sincerely,

Mrs. Cindy Voegtle

611 Dustin Lane

O'Fallon, il 62269

Phone 850-797-8968



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October 30, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I moved to O'Fallon in 1979 when my father was transferred to Scott AFB. I own and operate our family business, Gifts For Individuals, in O'Fallon. A business started in 1985 by my dad when he retired after serving for 23 years in the Air Force. In addition to a small business owner, I am also an O'Fallon Alderman.

I am a member of the Friends of St. Elizabeth's Leadership Council.

As a parent of 2 very active children, I am always concerned about access to emergency care in the case of illness or injury. In addition, both of my parents are in their 70's and live in O'Fallon, and my Mother-in-Law is in her late 60's and lives in New Baden. My father-in-law passed away last year from a stroke. St. Elizabeth's current location is neither close nor easily accessible if they need immediate urgent care.

The site that St. Elizabeth's selected to build their new state of the art hospital is one of the best available in the Metro East. With it's interstate access, it has the best possible access without requiring people and emergency vehicles to drive through residential neighborhoods.

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,

Mr. John Drolet

520 Overbrook Circle

O'Fallon, IL 62269

October 30, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area all my life. I worked at St Elizabeth's Hospital in the early 1990's while going to nursing school. I recently came back to the HSHS system to work as a Nurse Practitioner. Imagine my surprise to see that the basement area and many other areas have not changed in all those years. While I feel we provide quality care, it is becoming increasingly difficult without updating our equipment and technology.

My father underwent open heart surgery here, and I have had out patient procedures done here also. It is so much more convienent to come here than become a number across the River.

The new hospital will allow for easier access for myself and patients from my community. The new and updated equiptment and technolgy will allow our hospital to continue to provide the care we have been known to give.

In addition to the health care benefits, the buildng of the hospital will be an economic boom to the area, providing many good paying jobs during the build.

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,

Mrs. Cynthia Kues

15801 Russland Rd

Aviston, IL 62216

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have recently moved to the area and live in O'Fallon IL and work at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

I am a physician here and believe a new hospital is necessary.

Not only will this hospital provide better up to date aesthetics but it is a much better location providing greater access and I believe it will attract more physicians to the area.

I believe that this move will be a benefit to the patients and staff of St. Elizabeth's and most importantly to the community.

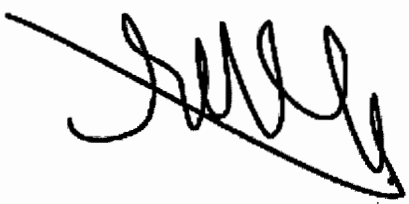
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Meena Murugappan

1661 Lancaster Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62261



October 30, 2014

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 this area for more than fifty years, working primarily as a teacher. I retired from SWIC two years ago and I remain active in the community as a CASA volunteer and hospice volunteer.

I have been an outpatient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at least four times in the past five years and have found their services to be of high quality and delivered with care and compassion.

The proposed site for the replacement hospital will make this quality service more easily available to the wider geographical region, offering up-to-date modern care in a technically advanced facility.

St. Elizabeth's has long been a

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,

Sister Gabrielle Rowe

137 N.45th St, Apt 8

Belleville, Illinois 62226

S. Gabrielle Rowe

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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.

As a 35+ year employee of St. Elizabeth's, I know first hand the limitations of our current campus. Renovating the current building is virtually impossible while the building is occupied due to the extensive nature of the changes required. A careful analysis has shown that the cost of such an extensive renovation would be double the cost of a replacement facility.

My family and I have been patients at St. Elizabeth's many times and have always received outstanding care in spite of the challenges associated with working in an outdated building. I understand that some people have sentimental attachments to the current building. But, if they had actually been inside the building recently they would realize the many limitations it has.

The new St. Elizabeth's hospital will provide state of the art services and amenities to all of our patients from southern Illinois. It will provide numerous good paying jobs for the region. I'm really looking forward to working there.

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,

Ms. Christine Fournie

8805 Bluff Hill Rd.

Belleville, IL 62223

Chris Fournie

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Freeburg,Il, most of my life which is 67 years. I currently work as a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I volunteer for our local Catholic, and the Ministry to the Sick and Aged for our Diocese, and Hospice of Southern Illinois

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital as were my children and my grandchildren. My husband died there 5 years ago. I prefer to go to a Catholic hospital. It is not the building that makes the hospital or the location, but the caring people within the organization and the Catholic values shared in the hospital. When my husband was dying, it was so comforting to look at the crucifix on the wall and know that Jesus was with us. That is not found in the other hospital in Belleville.

The location is great,and a safer area. The area around the existing hospital is surrounded by drug dealers and is not safe. The new hospital with have larger bathrooms, including showers and state of the art technology. The patients deserve that.

I support this project because I have worked at this hospital for 37 years and am proud of the mission that will continue and the fact that it will continue to serve the people of the metro east area as graciously as St. Elizabeth's always has.

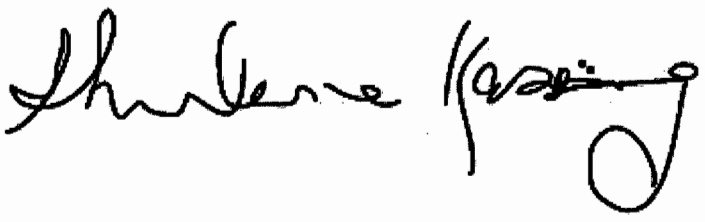
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shirlene Kassing

12 Meyer Drive

Freeburg, Illinois 62243



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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 live in Glen Carbon and have lived in this community for over 5 years. I currently work in the health care industry as a Director of Clinics.

I work for HSHS Medical Group.

A replacement hospital for St Elizabeth's in O'Fallon will provide those living in the surrounding communities to have better access to industry leading care.

The mission of HSHS is to serve their community and they are limited in their ability to do this with their cureent land locked location. Allowing St Elizabeth's to rebuild in a much more accessible location benefits a large majority of the region's residents.

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,

Mrs. Mandi Vehlow

102 Bayfield Dr

Glen Carbon, IL 62034

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

We have lived here most of our lives.

Both of our children were born at St. Elizabeth's.

The new location would be much closer to us and much more accessible.

We need a new state of the art facility.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rick

7410 Sunset Acres Dr.

Collinsville, IL 62234

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Ofallon area my entire life of 51 years. Though I have worked in St. Louis during my professional career, I have always enjoyed living in Ofallon.

Due to living in the Ofallon area my entire life, I and my children have utilized St. Elizabeth's Hospital on numerous occasions.

In addition to the proposed new hospital being much closer to my home, I believe a new facility will allow the hospital to provided even greater and advanced medical services.

The Ofallon and Shiloh areas are two of the fastest growing areas in Southern Illinois and I believe improved access to an advanced healthcare facility will better support the existing community and encourage future growth to the surrounding area as well.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kenneth Stein

1129 Rutherford Ridge

Ofallon, IL 62269

Kenneth Stein

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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 am a president of a local bank in Trenton, IL and a resident of the metro east region for over 50 years.

My family have been a patient of St. Elizabeth over the years.

The new hospital would help the whole community with it better location and access.

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,

Mr. Francis Eversman

2105 Bowler Road

Collinsville, IL 62234

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for 26 years and I am a professional photographer, formerly a legal secretary working in Belleville.

I am familiar with St. Elizabeth's Hospital because my son was born there in 1988 and my family physician refers myself and my family to the hospital and their specialized physicians for medical procedures.

I am in total support for the replacement of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to the O'Fallon, Illinois area. It would be more convenient for my family if it were located within O'Fallon. The existing St. Elizabeth's Hospital has outgrown their facilities; and, quite frankly, I find the existing facility to be so hard to maneuver. Certain offices are very hard to locate and I feel some offices are dark and depressing and small and not very inviting to patients. The location of the new hospital is easy to access from anywhere especially the interstate. Although it should only take 15 minutes to get to Belleville from O'Fallon, it usually is a good 30-45 minutes trip to the hospital given its current location and parking access.

I feel St. Elizabeth's Hospital could draw from rural areas surrounding O'Fallon that they do not currently to expand its patient base.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leanna Rolla

403 Wind Rose Court

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Leanna Rolla

October 31, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East area for 59 years. My wife and I raised our two children here and use St. Elizabeth's Hospital exclusively.

I have been a patient several times and used their surgical and endoscopy services several times. I have also utilized the emergency room.

The new hospital will be closer and have better access. Also the new technology will improve overall care immensely.

I believe the new hospital will be of benefit to the entire community by offering new technology, more physicians, and a etter location for everyone.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witt

421 Milburn School Road

O Fallon, Illinois 62269

Dan Witt

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I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived my entire life in the Metro East and have worked at the Bank of O'Fallon for the past 16 years.

My mother and father were both patients of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and my family currently uses the HSHS network for our healthcare.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital would be a great benefit for my family because of better location and improved technology and facilities.

Moving the hospital to O'Fallon would give St. Elizabeth's a better connection to the entire region.

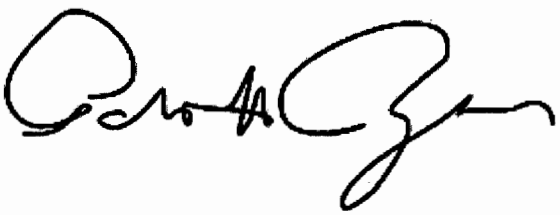
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Patrick Ryan

523 Highland Estates Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lives in Belleville, on and off , since 1953. My first service at the hospital came in 1954. While I was a seminarian at St. Henry's seminary I had an accident and needed stiches. A Sister did the work. I have been a patient there for major surgeries(colon, heart and prostate, and minors as well)in the past, and had back surgtery last month, again excellent treatment. Drs and Rns could not have been more professional, the all around treatment has been excellent. I believe in their mission. I will follow them to the new hospital, because I believe in their concern for the whole person, body and spirit. I have been on the Pastoral Team at St. Elizabeth's for 15 years.

catholic chaplain for 15 years. I have had many successful surgeries at Sts

enhanced technology, new building, more room, better/easier access

we need a new building, it is so obvious. The one we have is old, 140 years, most of it. It is hard for me to ADMIT THIS. I HAVE LOVED and still love Sts, but we have to face reality. We need a state of the art building.

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,

Father Elmar Mauer

200 N 60th Street

Belleville, Illinois 62223

October 31, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I support the move of St. Elizabeth's Hospital from Belleville to O'Fallon. O'Fallon is a growing community in St. Clair County, and because of growth, it takes longer to reach the hospital than is reasonable. We in O'Fallon as well as the people of other communities along Interstate 64, US Highway 50 should have an alternative, nearer hospital location.

Further, St. Elizabeth's and the Hospital Sister Health System (HSHS) suffer financially as a result of the awkwardness of working in a hospital housed in an aging facility in an area which is not easily accessed by anyone not very near to the building's location. The HSHS is a not-for-profit organization, and revenues are put back into the system to improve all of the associated hospitals. It is unfair to the other hospitals in the system to be hobbled by the costs which they share as a result of St. Elizabeth's operating losses.

If the HSHS rebuilds ST. Elizabeth's in O'Fallon, it will be as a more advanced facility which will attract more and better doctors to our area. The location is convenient to doctors now operating in St. Louis allowing treatments which we might have had to leave the state to find to be available just minutes from our homes.

Opposition to the move by Mayor Eckert of Belleville is largely a political struggle through which he hopes to slow Belleville's decline relative to the communities lying along I-64 at the expense of all of us who already live in these communities and the expense of lost potential for the region as a whole.

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,

Mrs. Norma Gerrish

1324 Lantern Lights Circle

Lebanon, IL 62254

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Gerisch

November 01, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for 49 years and Have been a retail manager in the area for 25 years.

My father, from Breese, Il., recently had tests run at St. Elizabeth's.

It will benefit my family as the location is much better for us.

We need a facility that is closer to all surrounding towns in the o'fallon area.

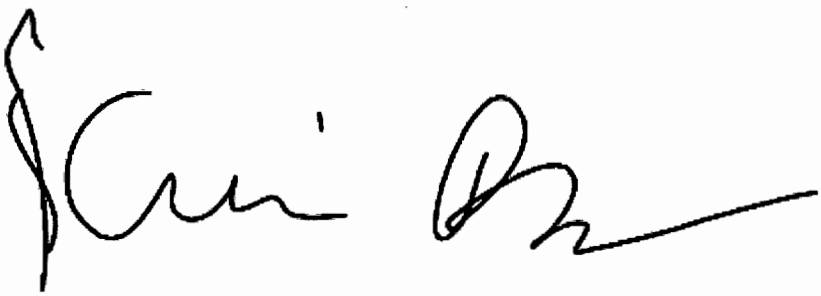
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cori Brueggemann

860 Pioneer Court

Breese , Il 66230



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East for 42 years and work in the Care Coordination office at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

St. Elizabeth's has served my family and friends well in the years we have lived here with excellent quality of care and a very caring staff.

We are looking forward to the O'Fallon replacement hospital for the new and state of the art facilities as well as enhanced technology.

I hear many people say they would like to come to a more modern and newer health care facility--I feel this new replacement hospital will serve that purpose.

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,

Ms. Karen Liefer

10285 S Prairie Rd

Red Bud, Il 62278

Karen A Liefer

November 02, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's hospital almost 60 years ago. I am a retired nurse and spent part of my nursing career working in the operating room at St. E's. It was a great place to work.

My parents have both been patients and have both received excellent care.

The old hospital needs many updates and improvements which would not be cost effective in such an old building.

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,

Mrs. Mary Kwentus

4680 Eyman Rd

Belleville, Il 62223

November 02, 2014

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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've lived in the metro east for 38 years. I currently work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland where I am a physical therapist and direct the Rehab Department. I am the President of the Highland Arts Council, past President and current board member for the Highland Chamber of Commerce, and the Secretary / Treasurer of the Southern District for the Illinois Physical Therapy Association.

My father received a life saving surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital when their surgeon removed a lobe of his lung. He has outlived his life expectancy for small cell carcinoma of his lung and his care all started at St. Elizabeth's.

I am looking forward to a new replacement hospital because I have seen the benefit of a new building that allows for the newest technologies available. The new location planned for St. Elizabeth's is much more convenient and will allow for my family to benefit from the advanced specialists and procedures that can't be done in a small hospital like St. Joseph's in Highland.

I fully believe in the mission, vision and core values of HSHS. This new hospital in a more centralized location will allow us to better serve the poor and under-served in our metro east community.

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,

Mrs. Christina Frank

46 Cardinal Lane

Highland, Illinois 62249

Christina Frank

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I've lived in the metro east for 3 years, but much of my family lives in and around Belleville.

My aunt works at St. Elisabeth's and my sister voulenteers there as well.

The new facility in Ofallon will help to keep the metro east area vibrant and current. Modern and accessable health care are essential to our communities!

To keep southern Illinois progressing in a positive way, we must make investments and improvements to our community.

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,

Mr. Peter Kwentus

823 D Road

Columbia, IL 62236

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a life-long Belleville area resident.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's and have been a patient on multiple occasions over the years.

We need to attract specialist and keep patients in Illinois.

We cannot afford to lose more doctors and patients to Missouri.

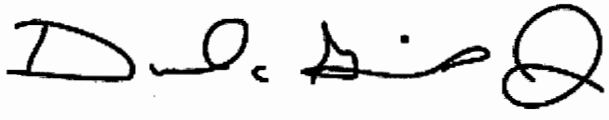
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Garris

120 Aaron Drive

Belleville, IL 62220



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have been a lifetime resident of the MetroEast, living in Belleville, Fairview Heights and New Baden which is my current residence.

About three years ago, our grandson, a toddler, fell into a curio cabinet, receiving a laceration in his upper lip. He was seen in the Emergency Room at St. Joseph's Breese where he had excellent care. However, he also had a piece of glass retained in the cut which could not be removed in Breese. He had to be taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. This was a traumatic event for my grandson, but also his parents and other family members. The drive to St. Elizabeth's was long and I think we hit every stop light between Breese and Belleville because we could not get to St. Elizabeth's via the interstate.

Having St. Elizabeth's Hospital on the interstate and closer to those of us in Clinton County would be a blessing.

Additionally, an updated, state-of-the art facility would benefit the entire region, not just Belleville, O'Fallon or Clinton County.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. George Mehochko

985 Country Lakes Dr

New Baden, IL 62265

George A Mikochko

November 03, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the area my entire life. I am a builder/developer of new homes and commercial properties.

I used to be a frequent patient of St Elizabeth's hospital. My last visit there was not pleasant. I could not stand the odor in the buildings and had to leave.

I think a new state of the art facility will be a draw for fine doctors and instill confidence in the facility again.

The new location will provide better access to wider range of patients.

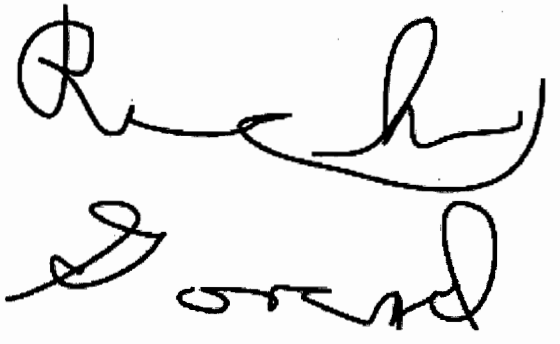
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Gorazd

116 Cobblestone Hills

O'Fallon , il 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have recently relocated to the O'Fallon area from Springfield Illinois. I have been in health care for over 34 years in the Springfield area and am accustomed to some of the best medical care and most recent technology available in health care.

I recently accepted a position with Hospital Sisters Health System and am located at the St. Elizabeth's campus. I live in O'Fallon presently.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will allow the infrastructure for the most up to date technology, better patient room configuration and easier access. I was commuting on I-64 and was delayed by an accident just under the Green Mount Road overpass in O'Fallon. The location of the replacment hospital would have allowed rapid access to health care. The replacement hospital would allow easier access for all patients in in the Metro East area.

I support this project for the reasons mentioned above as well as the need to have a state of the art facility providing an asthetically pleasing enviroment.

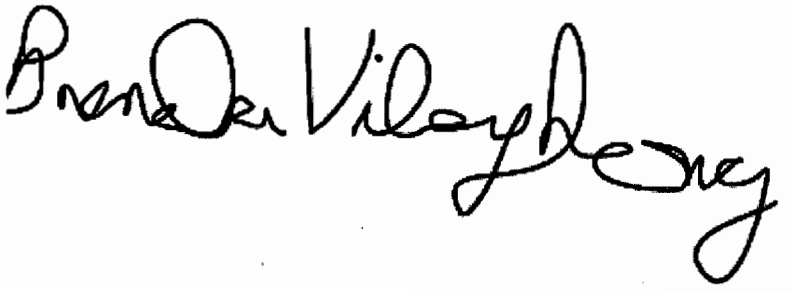
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brenda Vilayhong

1123 Boulder Creek Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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

I moved back to O'Fallon two years ago after living outside of the area for over 30 years. I work at a Senior Living Community in O'Fallon.

I know several people that work there.

I would like to more centrally located Medical Community and updated / enhanced technology.

I believe that a business should be able to do whatever they need to do to survive and grow in whatever means that they see is in the best interest of the community and the surrounding areas.

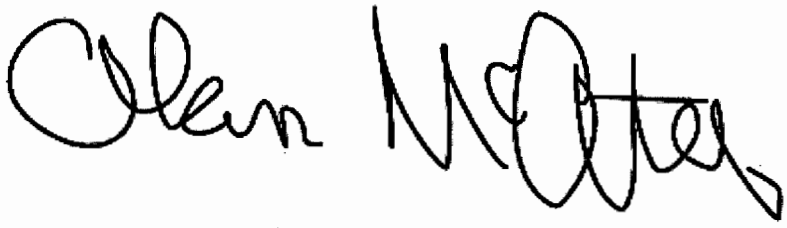
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alan McAtee

318 Bobbie

Swansea, I 62226



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Belleville all of my life.

And have been employed by St. Elizabeth's for the past 34+ years.

The enhanced technology that a replacement hospital will have will definitely benefit all patients that come to St. Elizabeth's.

If we don't keep up with this new technology, our hospital will fail. And then no one benefits, not our patients, not our colleagues and definitely not our region.

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,

Mrs. Debra Rose

8 Liberty Drive

Belleville, IL 62226

Debra Rose

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I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I've lived in Ofallon for 59 years.I not only lived in Ofallon,but I helped build a big percentage of the homes in this community.

The new location of the hospital will be very convenient for a huge majority of the metro population.

Having all the new and updated technologies in this hopital, will eliminate a lot of doubt in people who were afraid to go to the old one!

Having two brand new hospitals creates a competition to strive for the best care they can give to their patients!

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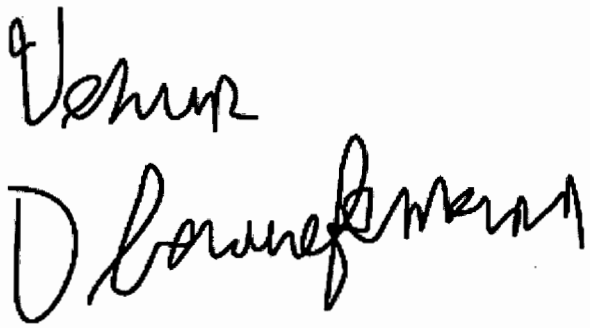
Sincerely,

Mr. Obernuefemann Vernon

8 Hillwood Dr.

Caseyville, Illinois 62232



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am employed at St Elizabeth for 7 years

My co workers have been treated at St Elizabeth, had the best experience

This will be a better location for me , especially since it will be close to highway. We need more technology and the present hospital being old, it is expensive to fix

We need a location that we can help more people, especially all those patients who go across the river, there will be no need for them to go across the river, we will be close to the highway

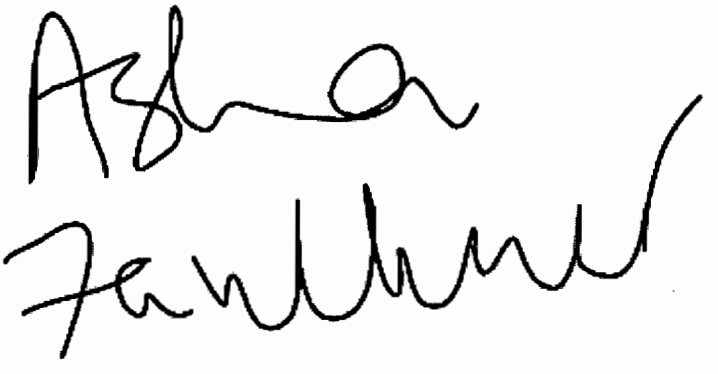
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Asha Faulkner

2556 Burchard dr

St. Louis, Mo 63136



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am currently an RN in the Emergency Department at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

I have worked in other facilities and St. Elizabeths is truly a hospital dedicated to quality patient care and thus the reason I choose St. Elizabeths to care for patients. With that stated, there are limitations due to the current facility that does not allow for continuation in quality patient care in the future.

The mission of the hospital and dedication to the patients will not change with a new facility. The new facility will ensure continuation of quality patient care to the patient's we serve.

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,

Ms. Geri Clark

6803 Quail Walk

Edwardsville, Il 62025

Geri Clark

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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.

My family has lived in O'Fallon since 2009. My husband is employed at Scott Air force base and I work at a local retailer. We have one of our three children still at home. We love the O'Fallon community and the proximity to St. Louis.

Fortunately, we have only needed the facilities at St Elizabeth's Hospital a few times. The care was excellent, but I found the facility difficult to find since I am unfamiliar with Belleville. Parking was also awkward in the downtown area.

I believe locating the new hospital off the interstate is an excellent idea. It provides excellent access and a better location for the surrounding community. A new building allows the hospital to spend less money on maintaining an antiquated building and building a new state of the art facility.

I was very impressed with the Hospital's offer to tear down the old building (since new tenants would be difficult to find for an antiquated and costly to maintain building) and leave it ready for a new development downtown or even put in a green park area.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Black

809 Wildwood Lane

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Susan Black

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro-East area for over 10 years. I fully support St. Elizabeth's move to update their facilities and relocate to O'fallon. My role in my community is a concerned citizen.

My family always goes to St. Elizabeth for our needs. As recent as last year, I was treated in the Emergency Room. The physicians in the ER are over and above any other care I have received anywhere.

The move of the St. Elizabeth Hospital to O'fallon will not only benefit the O'fallon local area for ease of access but it stretches to outlying areas also. Better access to outstanding care, updated technology, location location location.

Simply put, ease of access, updated facility, and the care of a medical system brought to our community is a win win for us all.

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,

Ms. Lisa Murphy

914 Maces Grove Rd

O'fallon, IL 62269

Lisa A Murphy

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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've lived in O'Fallon 12 years. I work at The Colonnade Senior Living Community

I have had many friends use St. Elizabeth's.

Better location. Great for our residents!

I think that a new location in O'Fallon will better serve a larger population than in Belleville.

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,

Ms. Kimberly Patterson

106 E. Brittany Lane

O'Fallon, IL - Illinois 62269

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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 O'Fallon, IL for 55 years and am a native of O'Fallon.

St. Elizabeth's has always been the hospital of choice for multiple generations of my family. Personally, I have benefited from the services offered at St. Elizabeth's many times in my lifetime.

I look forward to the new facility in O'Fallon. The community will benefit greatly from the enhanced level of service a state-of-the-art hospital will bring to the region.

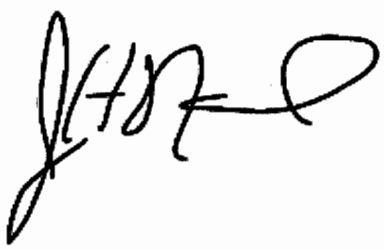
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Nail

1009 Cottonwood Ct.

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I am a lifelong resident of the Metro East. I grew up in Belleville, and have lived in O'Fallon, Illinois for the past 20 years. For 23 years I worked as a substance abuse counselor with Gateway Foundation in Belleville and have significant knowledge of the need for region-leading health care in the Metro East. I am proud to admit I recently graduated with my Masters in Health Care Administration and within the last month have secured employment with St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

In 2013 my father severely injured his leg and needed surgery. He chose to have St. Elizabeth's take care of him. During his stay there he and my family received superior care. I know first hand the 1st Class service and care they offer and was thrilled when I was chosen to be part of such a phenomenal team.

In the past several years the Metro East has lost many patients to St. Louis Hospitals. I have personally heard how residents feel the building that houses St. Elizabeth's hospital is old and cannot provide the class of treatment they are desiring. Building a new state of the art hospital will increase the amounts of residents receiving care in their own community. The location chosen provides excellent access, and the ability to grow when the need arises.

Approving the certificate of need for St. Elizabeth's will also increase employment. Without the opportunities St. Elizabeth's offers my family and I would need to move to Missouri.

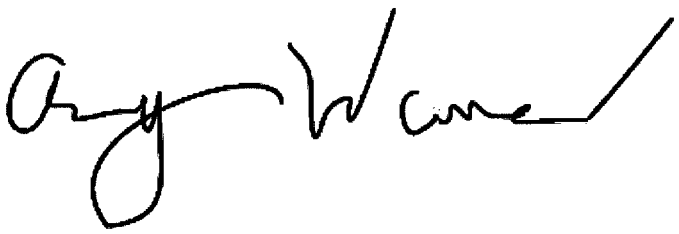
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Warren

1021 Oriole Drive

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon since my parents moved here when I was eight years old. I am now 33 years old and have no plans on moving. I work at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport and St. Louis Downtown airport as a firefighter and I'm currently on O'Fallon's fire department.

I have used St. Elizabeth's services before and was extremely pleased. I also completed my emergency room hours for my EMT-B license at St. Elizabeth's.

This new hospital will upgrade everything from access, technology and better medical services to metro east residences.

I also support this project because I know this will be building a facility that will support our medical needs for years to come.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Bruns

603 East Jefferson

O'Fallon, illinois 62269

November 05, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

My wife and I have lived in the Metro East for 19 of the past 21 years. We lived in Swansea first and then in O'fallon. I served at Scott AFB and retired from the USAF two years ago. Our four children grew up in Swansea and O'fallon.

A connection I have to St. Elizabeth's is that my daughter (a nursing student at University of Missouri St. Louis) is a part time patient care technician at St. Elizabeth's. She says she loves her job and is learning a great deal from the staff at St. E's.

Ever since moving to O'fallon in 2002, I've realized that the O'fallon area lacks a nearby medical facility. Current driving times to Memorial, St. Elizabeth's or Anderson in Maryville are about 25 to 30 minutes. That is too long in an emergency. Relocating St. Elizabeth's to the I-64 location will greatly improve that situation for an enormous number of people.

St. Elizabeth reports that their current facility is outdated and cannot be modernized as economically as a new facility can be built. Building a centrally located, modern campus with an eye to the area's future needs is the best way forward.

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,

Mr. Edward Furrow

149 Picketts Run

O Fallon, IL 62269

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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 O'Fallon for 10 years now. I work in the pharmaceutical industry and have two school-aged children. My husband is a nurse who works in the St. Louis area.

My husband has been a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. We certainly appreciated the kind and caring staff and their support during a stressful time.

We are in dire need of a state of the art facility in the Metro East to attract top rated medical personnel and provide top quality, full service medical care to the families on this side of St. Louis. As of now, we have to drive over half an hour to reach emergency medical care, and even farther to reach specialized emergency treatment for pediatrics. We need a new center to compete with the Barnes system and to keep our families from having to drive and patronize the St. Louis area in a time of crisis.

The financial benefit to having a new hospital in St. Clair County would be far reaching. Increased tax revenue from the hospital business, keeping our families at home in an emergency, access to high quality care that rivals large cities, and the creation of jobs would help push the metro east into a new category of community.

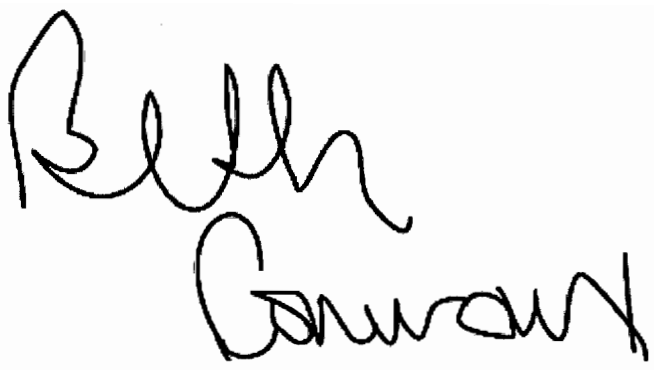
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Conway

124 Spyglass Ct

OFallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My family and I have lived in O'fallon, IL for 3 years. We are connected to Scott AFB, Southwestern Illinois College, McKendree University, and the O'fallon middle and high schools. We have come to love this area of the Metro East region.

Being prior military and remaining in the Tricare system, our PCMs are all from the St. Elizabeth organization. We absolutely love the service and care that you have provided to our family. All of the staff have been wonderful.

The location of the new hospital is going to benefit our family immensely. It can take up to 30 minutes for us to get the the current hospital. If ever there were an emergency, this would just be too long. In addition, we have had to drive to the west side of St. Louis for specialists in the past. It would be a tremendous benefit to have specialists here in our community. I would like to see our business stay here on this side of the river as opposed to a community over an hour away.

I would also add that building the new hospital here in O'fallon would bring in other businesses and build our economy.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Monica Stein

700 Highcliff Dr.

O fallon, IL 62269

Monica Stein

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon for three and a half years, as an active duty Air Force Officer at Scott AFB.

We have been patients of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and nearby doctors clinics.

The new facility will provide much more convenient access than the current location and will provide a much needed state-of-the-art facility.

My wife works in the medical field and currently commutes out of O'Fallon to work. This facility will bring jobs (hopefully one for her) to O'Fallon. As I retire from the Air Force, this opportunity would likely mean we stay in O'Fallon.

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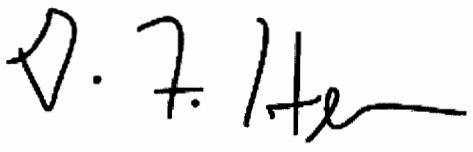
Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Hermann

724 E Wesley Dr

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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I have lived in the Metro East for approximately three years. I am currently a full time student pursuing my master's degree in Nurse Anesthesia at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

My primary care physician is affiliated with St. Elizabeth's.

I believe that the O'Fallon replacement hospital will greatly benefit the community by providing better access to healthcare.

Enhanced technology will allow St. Elizabeth's to remain a leader in healthcare in 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,

Ms. Whitney Heischmidt

447 S. 4th St.

Caseyville, Illinois 62232

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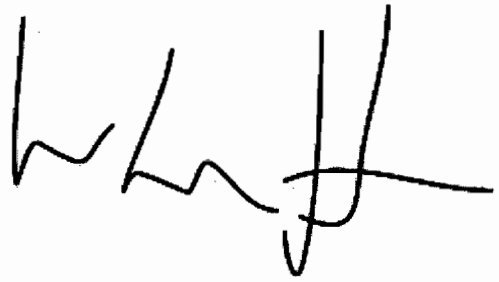

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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I am born and raised in O'Fallon, IL. I was born at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL. For many years I enjoyed the access I've had to local hospitals. However, as the communities have grown both St. Elizabeth's and Memorial hospital have become more inconvenient. Instead of using these hospitals I've been forced to find local replacements. I feel that St. Elizabeth would be a wonderful addition to O'Fallon. I've worked locally in the financial industry since graduating from college in 2003, and I want to raise my family here. It is important to me to have a local hospital that I can get to in a moments notice. I'm a member of the chamber of commerce and a past coach with the OTJH wrestling team.

Around 8 years ago I became very ill. After much testing I found out I had something called ulcerative colitis. I received excellent help at St. Elizabeth's hospital, but I did wish I had something closer to home. Traffic and parking in Belleville is unfortunately not what it used to be, due to the rapid growth in the Metro East.

O'Fallon is a premier community in the Metro East and St. Clair County specifically. Our schools are amazing, our parks are top of the line, we serve SAFB need for an excellent community and I think it's important that we have a major hospital at our hub.

O'Fallon will continue to be the center piece of growth in our area. Belleville is a wonderful community, but it has climaxed, the future is in O'Fallon and we deserve a state of the art facility.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Vitek

404 Joy Dr

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Todd Vitek

November 06, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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I have lived in the Metro East area since 1988. I am an Oncology Account Specialist with Pfizer and serve as President of the O'Fallon District 203 Board of Education.

I am a Medical Technologist and received my training at St. Elizabeth's in 1982. My youngest son was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and I have had outpatient surgery there as well.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will be able to offer enhanced technology, a wider range of services, and better access to many reesidents of the area.

It is important to offer high quality healthcare services on the Illinois side of the Metro St. Louis area. Too many healthcare dollars are unnecessarily lost to Missouri.

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,

Mrs. Lynda Cozad

1213 Hamlin Ct.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Lynda Cozad

November 06, 2014

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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 OFallon for 25 years.

My daughter is a first year RN/BSN working in St. Louis' St. Anthony hospital and recognizes the importance of St. Elizabeth's building in OFallon.

Better access to services is imperative.

Job creation helps everyone.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Anne Mueller

1200 Agnes Drive

OFallon, Il 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My wife and I have lived in the Metro East area since 1996.

Our only connection with St. Elizabeth's is the excellent treatment my wife received at the Hospital several years ago.

I believe that St. Elizabeth's will be able to provide better services to the community at the proposed O'Fallon location. There, St. Elizabeth's will be able to build an advanced, modernized facility more economically than a renovation at the present location.

In addition, the proposed location provides better access for more Metro East residents than does the present location.

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,

Mr. Neal Stout

925 Thornbury PL

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Neal Stout

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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 O'Fallon my whole life, 62 years, I run a local business on my 120 year old family farm in O'Fallon.

Being of catholic faith in O'Fallon, I have always went to St. E's. My Father passed away there with my Mother at his side.

Just like a new car, everything will be up to date, easy to get to, into, and you will feel more at rest than in a much older environment like we have now.

This project will create jobs, also will bring medical professional people to our area

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Schmidt

1422 East Highway 50

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Thomas Schmidt

November 06, 2014

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 O'Fallon my whole life, 62 years, I run a local business on my 120 year old family farm in O'Fallon.

Being of catholic faith in O'Fallon, I have always went to St. E's. My Father passed away there with my Mother at his side.

Just like a new car, everything will be up to date, easy to get to, into, and you will feel more at rest than in a much older environment like we have now.

This project will create jobs, also will bring medical professional people to our area

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

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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 was born and raised in the Metro East and continue to live there while raising my own family. My husband is the owner/operator of the Chick-fil-A restaurant at Green Mount Commons and I work along side of him there. Prior to this business venture, I have been a stay at home mom who has volunteered countless hours at our church and school district.

I am currently serving on the Friends of St. Elizabeth's Leadership Council. Over the past two years, our restaurant has been a partner with the hospital during it's colleague campaign each winter providing incentives for donors of the program.

The replacement hospital would be a WONDERFUL addition to the community. Having a hospital that is easy to access from the highway will change the way the residents of the metro east view their options when it comes to choosing health care. Many residents, myself included, regularly seek medical care across the river in St. Louis. It is easier to access from the highway and the technology is more up to date with newer facilities. With the O'Fallon replacement hospital, ALL of those hurdles have been eliminated and suddenly St. Elizabeth's will be the hospital of choice for the residents of the metro east.

I take pride in being from the

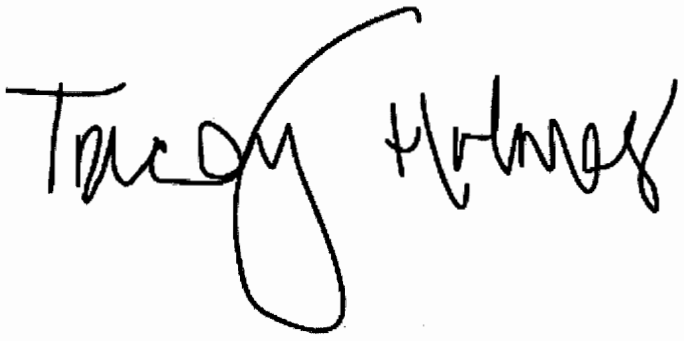
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tracey Holmes

514 Pfeffer Drive

Columbia, IL 62236



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a physician at St. Elizabeth's hospital and have worked in the pathology department for the last several years.

I believe St. Elizabeth's is an amazing institution filled with great workers and leaders.

I feel the new hospital will enable us to meet our full potential as it would be designed to meet the current needs of our patients.

I also feel the new location will allow a greater number of patients easier access to care.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Allison Howard

4981 Miami St

St Louis, MO 63139

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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've lived in O'fallon, IL for almost 5 years now and I cannot tell you how excited I am to have a hospital close by.

My wife was actually born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Being an optometrist in the area its so important to have world class care in the metro east. On many occasions I've had to refer patient to St. Louis, and it would be wonderful to be able to refer them closer to home.

I grew up in Creve Coeur, MO where St. Johns Mercy and Missouri Baptist were down the street from each other and it truly made Creve Coeur a great place to live.

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,

Dr. Bobak Rafati

210 Shawnee Ct

O'Fallon, IL 62269

November 06, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for 4 years and I am a proud employee of St Elizabeth's Hospital

I have been a patient and I am an Employee

I feel the replacement hospital will have a better location for better access from all Metro East and the enhanced technology will be state of the art equipment.

The Metro East is in need of a regional hospital with better access for all.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donna Baker

821 Park Entrance Pl

Ofallon, Il 62269

Donna Baker

November 06, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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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 3 years

I have been a patient, I am a past employee and I and am a family member of a employee

This replacement hospital will benefit the entire Metro East with up to day technology

My mother is an employee there and she loves it, the employees treat the patients with 100% respect

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,

Mr. Robert Baker

821 Park Entrance Pl

Ofallon, Il 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

We have lived in the Metro East for just over five years. Since retiring from the Army, my husband now works as a civilian at Scott AFB and I teach at both McKendree University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Our children attend school in O'Fallon. We are an active family of four who plans to stay in the region for a very long time despite not having family ties to the area.

I worked for a short time for HSHS and part of my role was in designing the feasibility of this new campus for St. E's. Despite no longer working there, I can tell you that a whole array of options truly were considered before forging ahead in this direction. This new building is needed and it is necessary that the hospital be built on the I-64 corridor. Too many patients are crossing over to the Missouri side for healthcare when there is ample and extraordinary physicians and healthcare workers right here in Illinois! St. E's is nearly impossible to get to and

Of course the hospital will benefit our family. We use an HSHS Family Practitioner for our care and HSHS specialty physicians, when needed. However, I think the bigger picture MUST be considered. This is the right choice for our COMMUNITY. Not just my family. For EVERYONE. The people who are against this move, do not understand the issues with the current structure and location.

I trust Mary Ann Reese implicitly. I trust the Sisters of HSHS without question. They would not have approved continuation of this project without prayer, careful thought, and deep consideration of all aspects of this new building.

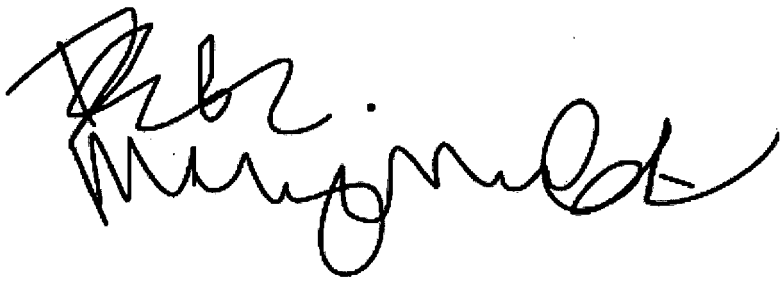
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. (Ret) David and Marcy Bitner

310 W Deer Creek Rd

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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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 for over 10 years.

Having a local hospital is critical to the community.

Quicker access and advanced technology without having to travel into St. Louis is needed for this area.

The hospital will also bring jobs and growth to the metro easat.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Loeffler

1101 Keats Way Court

O'Fallon, IL 62269

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I work in the City of O'Fallon,and live in unincorporated St. Clair County between Belleville, Shiloh, and Swansea. We have family memebers that volunteer at Inside Out resale ministry, and volunteer at Belleville Assembly of God.

I recently used services at St. Elizabeth Hospital in June when I dislocated by arm and broke my elbow. Staff was fast, proficient, and explained the procedures well.

Having St. Elizabeth with closer access to the interstate highway makes sense, since more people from rural regions will be more able to utilize services.

O'Fallon is a community that is growing. It continues to expand northward and east. Relocating St. Elizabeth will allow the hospital to serve future growth.

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,

Mr. Chad Quinn

310 Lake Christine Dr.

Belleville, IL 62221

Chad T Quinn

November 06, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My family has lived in the metro-east area for over 36 years and have visited both hospitals in Belleville. St Elizabeth's is the most difficult to get to.

My mother was a patient at St E's and in fact past away at the hospital. I was unable to get there in time for her final moments,

It will provide us easier accessibility

I expect both my wife and I will ultimately die at St E's and I fully appreciate its religious support.

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,

Col. (Ret) Richard Glogowski

102 Arrowhead Ln

O'Fallon, IL 62269-1241

R M Glogowski

November 06, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in O'Fallon for 4.5 years. I recently retired from the US Air Force, and my wife is a local chiropractor with her own business in town.

I and my family have been patients at St. Elizabeth's through their relationship with the Scott AFB medical community.

Because of St. Elizabeth's relationship with the Scott AFB medical services, the O'Fallon location will be much more convenient to receive services than their older, dated facility.

The hospital is one of the best in the Metro-East area. Its move to a location along major thoroughfares will make it more accessible for a greater number of people.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. (Ret) Brian Severns

816 Lakeshore Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Brian Severns

November 06, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area since 1984 when my husband, an ex-Marine who fought in Vietnam, and I moved to Waterloo from Texas. I have volunteered at Morrison-Talbott Library in Waterloo and St Anthony's in St Louis for many years. I am now on disability and continue to be impressed by the professionalism at St Elizabeth Hospital whenever I was in need of care.

I have needed help from St. Elizabeth since the 1980's and I have always strongly recommended they use this hospital whenever I heard a family member or friend needed a hospital or service that St Elizabeth could provide. They have always had favorable comments(too!) with any of these services!

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will greatly benefit our community and those outside especially because of the better location, easier access and faster drive time. This medical facility would be very helpful because of enhanced technology, and(hopefully) state-of-the-art machinery. I believe the technicians are already well-advanced in their training.

The old hospital is well below the standards that we, as a community, deserve. I am sometimes afraid the ceiling will fall on me anytime I need a service. I hate to admit but I have been going to other facilities at times instead of St Elizabeth exactly because of the poor conditions it is in. I had no idea this project was on the

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Yolanda Eads

601 Falling Springs RD Apt 6

Cahokia, IL 62206

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in this community for all of my life.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. My son and grandson were also born there.

Being located next to a major interstate will provide the best outcomes for all patients in the metro east area.

The current hospital and location cannot be updated to the level it needs to be to provide state of the art medical care.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Krohn

604 Springhill Ct.

OFallon, IL 62269

James L. Krohn

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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 worked in the Metro East area for 40 years. I work at the Colonnade Senior Living Community in O'Fallon.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital has been my family's hospital of choice for more than 40 years.

The new location will provide better access for our community members at the Colonnade as well as my family.

The current hospital is outdated and the Metro East deserves to have a facility that meets the current standards of modern healthcare.

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,

Mrs. JoNell Krohn

604 Springhill Ct.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

JoNell Krohn

November 06, 2014

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Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the area for seven years.

As a retired Air Force member my family and I use the St Elizabeth's Hospital often.

I live in O'fallon and having a hospital in our home town would allow us Emergency Room Care and a add convenience of it being closer to our home for routine care.

I work in the medical career field and work for five providers that would also benefit from having a local hospital.

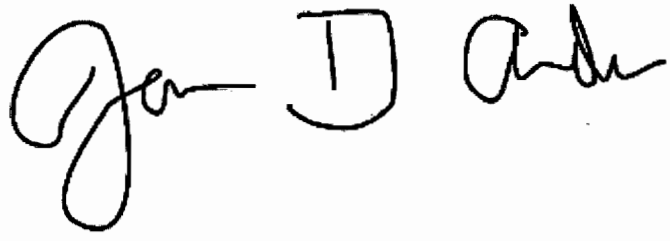
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Anderson

1512 Nottinghilll Dr

ofallon, IL - Illinois 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the area my entire life and have worked at St Elizabeth's as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the past 8 years. In fact, St Elizabeth's is the only place I have worked and have no intention of working anywhere else.

I didn't think twice when it came to choose where to have my two children. Being a patient at St Elizabeth's simply solidified why I love working here. The staff gave such individualized care and always took care of my many needs. My stepmother also was a patient when she had her gall bladder removed and raved at the individualized attention and education her nurse provided for her to help ease her anxiety regarding her recovery.

There are SO many reasons why we are in need of a replacement hospital, but most importantly, by working in the current facility everyday, it is simply not what patients want or need for modern medicine. The current hospital is outdated, too big, and therefore, inefficient. I have been told on more than one occasion that the other local hospital is

In the 8 years I have worked at St Elizabeth's, I have seen such growth in our work environment. All disciplines treat each other as equals and there is so much positivity in our hallways. We have the most loving, competent and caring staff that the community is missing out on because our facility doesn't have the appeal to attract patients to take advantage of what we have to offer.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Lake

716 Oak Brook Drive

Freeburg, IL - Illinois 62243

Laura Lake

November 06, 2014

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Administrator
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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.

My husband and I have both lived and worked in O'Fallon for nearly forty years and have raised our four children here.

In recent years my husband has become a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital as a stroke and heart attack victim. Both conditions have led to recurring services from St. E's. Although he had spent months in St. Louis hospitals/rehab facilities, we have found St E's to be above and beyond in comparison.

We believe that St. Elizabeth's Hospital has built an outstanding reputation, and will continue to enhance its reputation as a quality facility.

Although its facility in downtown Belleville has served us well, we believe that a more updated, technological facility with an eye to the future is needed.

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,

Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Hackney

101 Springfield Court

O'Fallon, ILLINOIS 62269-2495

November 07, 2014

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Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for around 15 years and work out of Collinsville.

I have been a patient of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the past which was beneficial to my health.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will be handier for me and provide easier access.

This replacement hospital will supplement the other hospitals we have in the area.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Winston Freund

1308 Wadsworth Court

OFallon, Illinois 62269-7099

November 07, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been an employee at St. Elizabeth's since 1986. I am very proud to work for such a great organization. I also have used St. Elizabeth's several times at an inpatient and outpatient level..

There are multiple reasons that we need a new facility. There are several areas that are very dated and it would not be cost effective to correct this. There are things that seem minor until you are actually facing them as a patient such as being able to fit through the bathroom door if you use a walker. There are major issues dealing with advanced technology that the current building cannot support.

One of the biggest reasons for needing a new hospital deals with location. Many more people in the metro east would have easier and quicker access to the new location.

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,

Mrs. Christy Koenigstein

3937 Stone Church Rd.

Venedy, IL 62214

Christy Koenigstein

November 07, 2014

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Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in O'Fallon since 2006.

Our primary care physicians are in the St. Elizabeth system.

Since we reside in O'Fallon, this new location will be much more convenient to us.

In case of an emergency, valuable time will not be lost driving all the way to the south side of Belleville. Also, this is a much safer location, especially for single people visiting a patient at night.

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,

Mrs. Rebecca Rook

916 St Nicholas Drive

O Fallon, Illinois 62269

Rebecca Rook

November 07, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon since 1978 and before that was raised in Belleville for my first 21 years. I know the area at 67 years old myself.

Multiple contacts through the years and found the hospital good but less so recently because of the facility in Belleville is out dated.

A new facility would enhance the medical services to the entire area.

The hospital must compete just like any other business. St. Elizebeth needs a new facility to compete

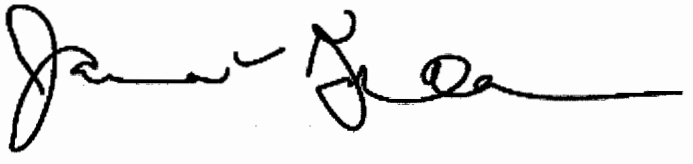
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Bollmeier

1237 Tanglewood Trace

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am not currently a resident of the Metro East Area I've worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the past 1 1/2 years.

I am an employee at Ste. Elizabeth's but I have referred friends from Missouri to come here for care due to insurance changes within their company. I've gotten vey positive feedback regarding the care they received.

The replacement hospital will allow Metro East patients the same enhanced state of the art care that now being offered in Missouri. This will enable patients to cut down travel time and bridge congestion trying to access the Missouri side for care that will now be offered at the replacement hospital.

I believe that HC is changing. I've worked in many hospitals in Missouri and trust me. St. E's is way behind in building technology and state of the art improvements. I don't believe that we will be very competitive in a building not built to be competitive.

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,

Mrs. Misty Spears

5425 College Ave

St. louis, MO 63136

Misty Spears

November 07, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been in the Metro East for over 40 years and I'm currently retired.

I know of 6 or more friends and relatives that were patients and all were happy with the treatment received.

I believe that location/access is great and will also have the updated equipment for more advanced treatment especially for myself as a senior citizen.

There is no doubt that OFallon and the metro east will benefit from newer technology and access to care and will benefit all the citizens.

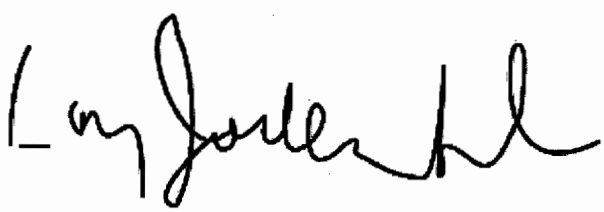
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Larrry Joellenbeck

1110 Illini Drive

OFallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in O'Fallon for 15 years.

I am resident of the metro east.

As a resident of O'Fallon I need to travel to St Louis for quality care close to home. I look forward to the convenient interstate access, patient centered care and the future of attracting new physicians and specialists.

This is a forward thinking decision for our community regardless if you live in O'Fallon, Belleville, Shiloh or another community.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jeanne Esquivel

413 Grand Orchid Rd

O Fallon, Illinois 62269-6928

November 07, 2014

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 support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the metro east all my life (46 years) and I work at St. Elizabeth's hospital, which I enjoy very much.

Yes I have been a patient at St. E's and so have my family members. St. Elizabeth's is the only hospital that my in-laws and my husband will go to.

It will definately be a better location and access to me and we definately need the newer technology upgrade.

I think it will be better for patients also, so that they will have better care with upgraded technology.

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,

Mrs. Teresa Mcdonald

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Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Teresa McDonald

November 07, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for over 8 years.

As a military family this is our second time to the Belleville/O'Fallon region. I worked at St Elizabeths's 15 years ago and it was my desire to return to an organization that truly lives its mission. I am a retired military officer, married to a retired military officer, and I am also a proud member of the leadership team at St Elizabeth's for the past 8 years.

Military active duty members deserve to receive top notch care in a high tech hospital. The building and structure of the current facility prevent this. Our veterans deserve better.

The poor and underserved also need accessible health care. The current location is difficult to access. Moving to the interstate makes sense!

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,

Mrs. Donna Meyers

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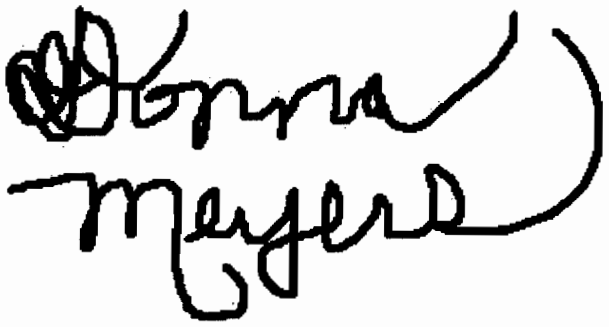
O'Fallon, Il 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area for just a little over a year with my fiancé. When I first moved to the area last September, I quickly began looking for jobs in the healthcare field. I was applying everywhere. I really thought I wanted to work for St. Louis Children's Hospital because of the prestige and reputation along with my personal experiences with children's hospitals. I knew, however, the commute would be quite the commitment. I applied for different positions within the Hospital Sisters Health System, at the various locations but I was hired in February of 2014 as a PRN, or as needed assistance at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. When a position opened up I was brought in full-time in May of 2014. I couldn't be happier working for St. Elizabeth's because it is a compassionate and passionate organization in which I feel I can grow personally and professionally.

The only connection I have to St. Elizabeth's Hospital is that I am an employee of the facility. I am relatively new to the area and do not have any emotional attachments to any of the surrounding municipalities. My emotional attachment is to healthcare and the betterment of people by it. I have a long family history of healthcare workers and feel privileged I felt called to serve in a similar manor. There is no greater mission than to help the people around us. St. Elizabeth's is trying to do so with an ever changing industry. The time is now to build a new facility and begin spreading our mission throughout the area. This hospital will be of no help to anyone if it can no longer be maintained.

The location for the proposed hospital will be in far better location to Interstate 64. This means quicker access to critical care for those involved in motor vehicle accidents. The services St. Elizabeth's will be able to offer in the new location will greatly enhance prestige for the facility. This will bring in new and talented doctors and medical staff. Enhanced services can only help the people of the Metro East who desperately need them or are seeking them further from home. Many services needed in the healthcare industry bring about very scary times for patients and their families and being closer to their home can bring them some much needed comfort.

The state of the current facility is looking grim. It is very costly to maintain, money that is tied up in to fixing the physical building could be better spent on services and equipment patients need and would ultimately benefit from. Sustainability is not a very promising option with the current location and the consequences of that could potentially be detrimental to the area. Times are changing rapidly, as they always do in healthcare, and it is time to say goodbye to the current building and hello to the future St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

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,

Ms. Laura Sorrill

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Laura L. Sorrill

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

As one of St. Elizabeth's employed pediatricians, I see first hand why a new hospital is desperately needed. Unfortunately, we live in a world where aesthics matter. St. Elizabeth's hospital provides local citizens excellent care and many services/comforts that other local hospitals don't provide; however, the appearance of the building, inside and out, has been shown to be a factor in people chosing another hospital at which to receive care. Also, many floors are currently restricted in their workflows due to the current layout of this building. A new building would not only give St. Elizabeth's the updated appearance that people look for, it would also help improve the efficiency and quality of care the staff is able to provide.

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,

Dr. Jennifer Ray

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Jennifer Ray, MD

November 07, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a dietetic intern at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The people of St. Elizabeht's Hospital take pride in their work and do their jobs with excellence. I support the movement to make St. Elizabeth's an even better place to work and care for patients.

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,

Mrs. Aubrey Golbek

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St. Louis, MO 63132

November 07, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived here for a total of 12 years and enthusiastically support the move of St. Elizabeth's!

I have had a number of day surgeries there as well as one admission. Staff there is excellent.

The current location is not ideal as it is not convenient. The new location will afford many more people the opportunity to use St. E's at a much more visible, convenient, new, state-of-the-art facility. The facility itself is not in good shape as it is older and outdated; I know a lot of people who go to hospitals in St. Louis rather than utilizing St. E's.

I think that the entire area will benefit from the change in location; increased jobs will benefit those who do not need the facility for medical reasons, and the increase in staff will also roll over to local businesses. The new facility will afford people in this area access to the best technology available, without having to go to St. Louis for such treatment options.

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,

Ms. Barb Polahar

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Barb Polahar

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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.

My wife and I are retired and we have been residents of the Metro East for 33 years. Our volunteer efforts are centered around our church and other charities.

Our son had surgery at St. Elizabeth's several years ago. In addition, we have utilized the MRI facility and the physicians' offices in O'Fallon several times because of the convenient location.

The nearby replacement hospital provides an excellent choice of hospital care with additional doctors, a full emergency room, enhanced technology. These factors are critical for the growing population who reside in the Metro East region. Located near I-64 is so much more convenient for nearby counties.

This is a well thought out project with many advantages. O'Fallon is one of the fastest growing cities in the area. With a fine school system, close proximity to Scott Air Force Base, a number of retired military citizens, and great shopping nearby, the location of a major hospital will only enhance the region.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schatz

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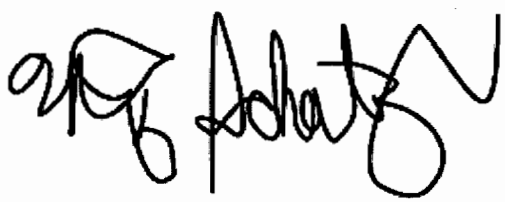
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I am not a resident of the metro east but I do have family that does and this affects them.

I have a family member that works there, and several family members have been a patient there

From what I seen while there to visit family members and having my mother working there. Getting to the Belleville campus is very difficult. There is no place to enjoy a walk to a local store. The replacement hospital is located on a major interstate with easy access, The state of the art technology is much needed in Illinois, I feel that part of the state is very much behind in health care.

As a family member of an employee at St Elizabeth's I hear nothing but wonderful things about the employees,services and patient care, I support the replacement hospital. What better place to bring health care to the next century then on a major interstate in a wonderful supportive community of O fallon, Il

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,

Ms. Sharita Baker

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Shawnee, Ks 66217

Sharita Baker

November 07, 2014

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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.

My family has lived in the Metro east for 35 years and have been served by St. Elizabeth's during this time. Now retired, we support the proposed move due to limited roads and increased traffic in the area.

The availability of services from St. Elizabeth's is very important to this family. We have used your services , several times in the past.

The importance of improving medical technology,positive local support and a suitable location will help the entire region, with an updated facility.

The only alternative is to use facilities in St. Louis Missouri, which for retired people is not a good option. Traffic and road conditions during peak travel times makes the move very important.

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,

Mr. Robert Cummings

122 Pierce Blvd

O'Fallon, Il 62269

Robert C. Cummings

November 08, 2014

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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 for thirty four years.

Over the Last two year I have seen both of my grandparents use the cardiology services at St. Elizabeth's.

The proposed location of the new St. Elizabeth's in O'Fallon would benefit me by being closer and more accessible.

The new location would allow St. Elizabeth's to grow with technology and increase specialty services.

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,

Mr. Jeffrey Engelmann

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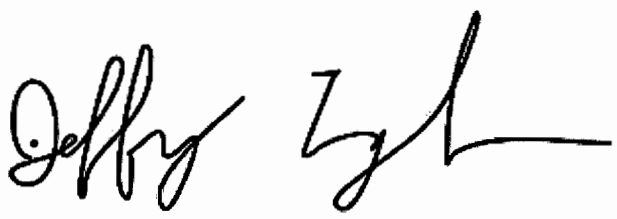

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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East area for over 40 years. Although I do not currently live in the area, I would not hesitate to use the facilities at St. Elizabeth's Hospital if the need arose. The exceptional care given to my parents over the past five years is proof of the quality services offered by the hospital.

I believe you could not receive any better care than my parents received from the cardiology department at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The technology, staff and advanced care shown by the hospital is a true testament of the quality of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will locate an excellent facility in an excellent location with much easier access. As time is of the utmost importance in emergency situations, location of a hospital is crucial. The O'Fallon location is also more convenient for family staying with loved ones to motels, restaurants, and shopping in the event of an emergency.

The advanced technology and specialty services that will be offered at the O'Fallon location such as interventional stroke care is another reason why I support this relocation project. As we all age it is nice to know we have an award winning hospital in the area that we have easy access to in the event of an emergency.

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,

Ms. Deborah Engelmann

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Carbondale, Illinois 62903

Deborah Engelman

November 08, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East for the last 13 years, since starting my career as a faculty member at McKendree University.

My family an I have utilized a number of services at St Elizabeth's hospital, including emergency room visits since moving to the area. Living on the eastern side of O'Fallon we have a strong need to have St. Elizabeth's hospital closer.

With my wife's long term health problems having the hospital closer to our area will allow the time I must take off of work to take her to doctor visits to be significantly reduced. Currently, we must plan for an extra hour of travel time with each visit. Having the hospital located near 64 and out of the downtown area of Belleville will help.

We also look forward to having all of the technological service available at this location.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Kian Pokorny

401 W 3rd St

O'Fallon, IL 62269

November 08, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon since 1987. I have been very active in the local community including activities with: the First United Methodist Church (Administrative Board, Building Committee Chair, Usher, Sunday School Teacher), the O'Fallon Rotary Club (Secretary, Vice-President, President, Board of Directors, Auction and Foundation Chairs), O'Fallon Band Boosters, O'Fallon Planning Commission (Vice Chair, Chair of the Zoning and the Comprehensive Plan revision sub-committees), the Advisory Board s for Metro-East Salvation Army and the YMCA. I have also been active in the mentoring program with the O'Fallon Township High School, Marie Schaefer School and Central School District. I currently serve on the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission, the St. Clair County Extension Foundation,the St. Clair Master Gardener Leadership Committee and the O'Fallon Parks Foundation Committee. I have been involved with O'Fallon city government for 20 years, serving on the Planning Commission and currently as Alderman for Ward 2.

My wife and I have used the services at St. Elizabeth's several times over the years, services that we cannot afford to lose in the Metro-East Region. Luckily, we have needed no serious medical assistance.

I believe that the improved access to the freeway system will benefit the entire region.

The combined medical care resources with improved access to all Metro-east Region residents is the strongest reason for your approval of the project.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jerry Albrecht

1334 Engle Creek Drive

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Jerry Albright

November 08, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I am a pilot flying out of Spirit of St Louis Airport, but I volunteer for St Vincent de Paul in the Southern Il area.

Although I have not needed hospitalization yet, the folks I work with often time do.

We work with people who are broken physically, mentally and/or financially. Having an institution that supports our values that we can send folks to is important to our mission.

A hospital located in this area, just off the interstate will be a God-send.

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,

Mr. DENNIS FURDEK

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O FALLON, IL 62269

November 08, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been living in O'Fallon for 11 years and in the metro east region since the fourth grade. I am a family practice physician who works in St. Louis, so I am very interested in a hospital being built in my community in hopes to come back to this community to serve.

My father's cardiologist is associated with St. Elizabeth's, so the possibility to have him closer and in general to have acute emergency care closer is very exciting.

Having the replacement hospital in O'Fallon will benefit our community greatly. It takes just as long now to go to the Belleville hospitals as it does to go to the St. Louis hospitals. The possibility of having a full service hospital very close is extremely beneficial to my family and this community.

I can not express enough my hope that this project happens as I would love to come back to this area to practice and having a hospital so close to home and accessible to family and friends is very exciting.

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,

Dr. Dorrie Tredway

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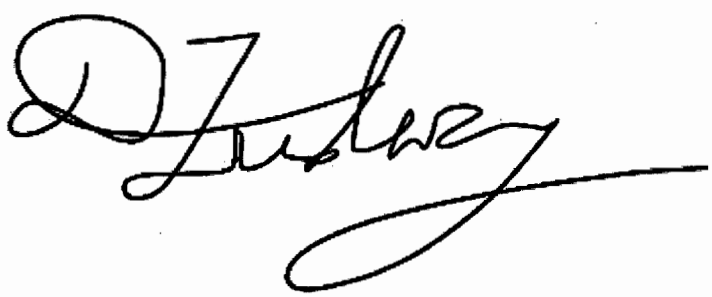

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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 for the past 11 years.

My mother's physician is associated with St. Elizabeth's.

Having an O'Fallon replacement hospital will greatly increase access to emergency care here in O'Fallon and surrounding communities which is currently not available.

A community who has a hospital will increase economic growth to O'Fallon and surrounding communities

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,

Dr. Trevor Tredway

1309 Bossler Lane

O FALLON, IL 62269-7129

November 09, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in this area for most of my childhood into adulthood. My husband and myself have raised and educated our children in this area. We have worked in Belleville for over 32 years.

I have been an employee for this hospital for more than 32 years. It is a family oriented facility with dedicated healthcare professionals. My family members have benefited by having this advancing hospital in the area.

It would be a positive move for advancing technology in the area. The current hospital is behind physically in providing technological advances that we desperately need to keep in current healthcare benefits to our patients. The current building is very old, the room are very small making it difficult to move patients and equipment around. It is very difficult to maintain the building that has advanced in age and cannot keep up with the current technology. It would cost too much to try to renovate this old building that is in need of removal.

It would benefit our area by giving us a new building that will provide us with the ability to advance our technology in the current healthcare trends. We would save money by building a brand new facility that can provide our patients with topnotch medical care. Please consider us in advancing our healthcare provisions of advancement. The old building would be very difficulty to bring up to the current standards of healthcare.

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,

Mrs. Michele Spehn

1328 Wolf Road

Freeburg, il 62243

November 09, 2014

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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 int the Metro East for 45 years. I have worked in my community since I was a teenager. I am currently working as a Registered Nurse at St. Elizabeth's.

I am an employee of St. Elizabeth's and my family members have been patient's.

The replacement hospital will be in a much better location and continue to provide excellent care to all those in need.

It is time for change. This change is necessary for St. Elizabeth's to continue to grow and provide excellence in service to our community.

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,

Mrs. Janeen Dawson

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Fairview Heights , IL 62208

November 09, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I live in St. Louis!

My mother works at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Easier for people to get to this location.

My mom enjoys working there.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ahlam Issa

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Rolla, MO 65401

November 09, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

In our retirement, we moved to IL and the Metro East in 2008 to help our daughter by caring for her new twins while she and her husband worked. After living with them for nearly 6 months we decided to make a move from our home of 32 years, Iowa, to the Metro East. Our son and his family are also in Cottleville, MO and we are here to help with his children as needed. We volunteer extensively with our church and have been instrumental in helping it start a welcoming committee to plan events for new parishioners.

We arrived in 2007 only 2 months after I was diagnosed with breast cancer in Iowa. My surgery, radiation and the start of my chemotherapy took place in Iowa. I was in definite need of a hospital to continue my mammograms, heart checks and an oncologist who would cooperate with my Iowa oncologist so I could receive my chemo in either place as our traveling and moving allowed. I was aghast at the dismal grey oppressive feeling when I went to St E's for my mammograms. From the first visit the facilities seemed to scream a lack of professionalism and patient awareness. The trips back to Iowa highlighted how much more welcoming the physical facilities were there and how sad I felt walking into St E's from the parking lot and finding my way in the halls and to offices with no one to help. To make my story short, I did not take much time before checking with friends I was making and hearing how many felt similar and crossed the river to St Louis for doctors. As soon as I could arrange it, I too went to the Center for Advanced Medicine at Barnes Hospital to meet new internists, oncologists, and breast surgeons. It was also clear to me that the mammogram facilities were pitifully out of date at St E's. When one is fighting cancer one does not need to feel you are in a second class facility. I also needed MUGA tests to check the pumping ability of my heart following Herceptin treatments. I had them at St E's and found the procedure sitting in hallways, and having only one staff member around during my testing to be very unsettling. Again I called across the river. There are some wonderful physicians associated with St E's but the facilities and their support staff both in the hospital and in outlying HSHS physicians office do not support these excellent doctors as they could. Subsequently, my husband was admitted to St E's for surgery. The nurses were kind, but we had to report on the housekeeping. Dust balls moved from one corner of his room to the other even though housekeeping was cleaning the room. To St E's credit someone in a newly created administrative position interviewed us about our hospital stay and said this was why she was hired...to correct such problems. A subsequent surgery for my husband was done by a great physician but the communication between the OR and nurses on post op procedures was lacking. I spent 7 hours on metal chairs in the waiting room and only after I asked isn't there somewhere more comfortable...was I told of one recliner in a currently unused old chapel. In my previous Iowa work, I coordinated the 80 volunteers for our community hospital's family waiting room. St E's facilities

did not compare to the comfort offered waiting families in Iowa.

Unless it is an emergency, I will not choose to return to the dismal and outdated Belleville facility. I do not enjoy driving to St Louis for my medical treatment when I know there are good doctors working with St E's. I will be happy to drive to a new St Elizabeth facility that is well laid out, well lighted, and abundantly staffed. I do not see how the current St E's location and physical plant truly benefits Belleville or the patients it exists to serve. The technology must be enhanced in the new facility and visibility and access is very important. The highway exit location should make this visibility and emergency access more acceptable.

I approve heartily of the mission of ST E's and wish them every success in establishing a new home where excellent service can be offered. To ask them to remain in an old less adaptable facility is a travesty.

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,

Mrs. Jo Ann Schmits

2509 Westinghouse Dr.

Shiloh, IL 62221

Jo Ann J. Schmits

November 09, 2014

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

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7 yr

patient

Location, access

Current facility out of date

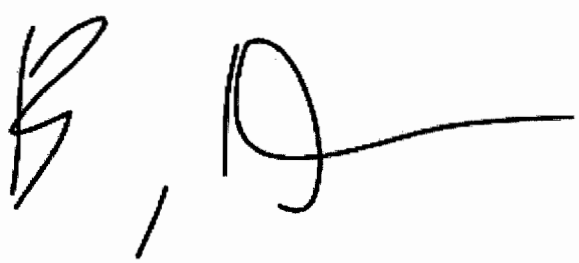
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan Douglass

5407 Duke dr

Fairview Heights, IL 62208



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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 first moved to the Metro East in 1969. We lived here for 7 years. During that time our three daughters were born - all at St. Elizabeth Hospital. We moved back to the Metro East in 2007.

I have been a patient of the Belleville Family Medical Practice since 1969. Even though we lived elsewhere, I continued with that practice. The Doctors in that practice relate to St. Elizabeth. Consequently, our daughters were born there and my lab work, mammograms, etc. has all been done through St. Elizabeth's.

I believe there are two primary benefits. First, the location will be much better for patients, visitors, AND employees. Belleville is a long narrow town and the accessibility to the current location is time consuming. I think the ease from the interstate would be so much better from all directions. Secondly, the current building is an old building. It was old when our daughters were born 39-44 years ago. Updating old facilities is expensive and, sometimes, impossible. If St. Elizabeth is to continue to provide competitive services, they need to have a facility capable of current technologies.

If St. Elizabeth Hospital is to continue to serve the poor and needy, then it must, also, have a strong paying base of clients. The new location will give that visibility and accessibility.

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,

Mrs. Nancy Frazier

732 E Wesley Dr

OFallon, IL 62269

Nancy
D. Frazie

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My husband and I have been leaving in the community since 2006. We work at Scott Air Force Base.

My spouse and I have been a patient of St. Elizabeth. I received excellent care while having my annual physical exam.

The new location will definitely have easier access to highways and pharmacies.

Current location is outdated and cannot meet patient needs.

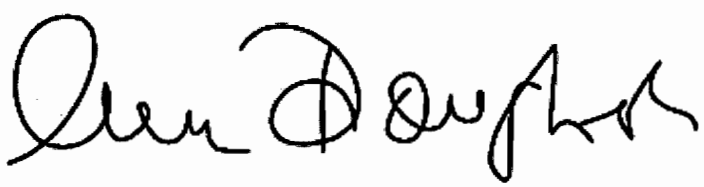
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ana Douglass

5407 Duke Dr

Fairview Heights , IL 62208



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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 been a resident of the area for 7 years and I reside in Shiloh, Ill

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's for two major surgeries and I have also had several diagnostic procedures done.

The current hospital facility can no longer be simply updated. The building itself is in major need of reconstruction. It is too far for many of us on the East side and there are at least 5 communities sharing the recent surge in population increases that would be better served by the new facility in O'Fallon

My recovery room at he current hospital was a biological mess. There were dirt rings in every corner of the room where 90 degree corners cannot be cleaned by circular machine brushes. This building cannot be made biologically clean.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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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 3 years now.

I am currently working as Chest Pain Coordinator at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Il

I believe the new hospital location will benefit those in the surrounding rural communities who are not as centrally located to more specialized Cardiac Care. There are many communities that will have better access to this more centralized location. With Belleville Memorial remaining in Belleville, those communities that are located closer to Belleville will continue to have the same access that they do at this time.

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,

Ms. Colleen Albrecht

615 Dustin Ln

O Fallon, IL 62269

Colleen Albrecht

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I been living in the area for over 10 years.

My husband and I were St Elizabeth in the last couple of years. Very pleased with their care.

Closed to home, easy access from I -64.

I' m a surgical assistant from an oral surgeon office in O'Fallon, will be nice to have a close hospital to our office in case of an emergency.

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,

Mrs. Jolivette Butler

1112 Hunters Trail

Mascoutah , Illinois 62258

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I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I've lived in the Metropolitan East St. Louis area for the past 16 years, and I work for a large utility company.

I've witnessed the exceptional care the employees of St. Elizabeth's provides first hand, and have seen the difference that makes in my own family.

I believe the new site will provide a more centralized location for a state-of-the-art hospital that will provide access to a larger population.

From what I understand of the proposed location, access to this facility will be greatly improved...allowing for more direct routes from major highways and roads, which is critically important during medical emergencies, and routine care as well.

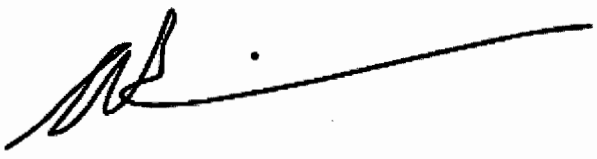
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anthony Pietangelo

615 Dustin Lane

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269



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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 Ofallon for 40 years and I work in St. Louis. I have raised four children and they all went to Ofallon high school. I am a member of St. Nicholas parish and the Ofallon K of C.

My two oldest children were born at St. Elizabeth Hospital. My mother-in-law worked at St. E's for many years as a nurse. I remember that my father had extended stays at St. E's while fighting diabetes.

The new hospital location will be much easier to access for most people. Plus new state of the art technology should help to have people stay on the East side for there critical health care needs.

People need to remember that St. Elizabeth's is a regional hospital , not just a Belleville hospital. As the region grows, larger more accessible hospitals will be needed more and more.

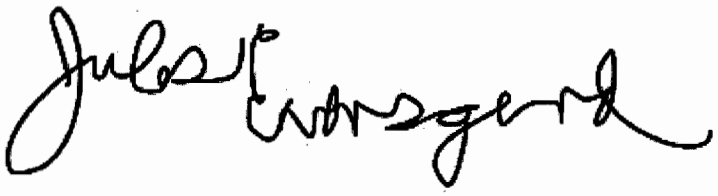
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Julius Eversgerd

1131 rutherford Ridge

O'fallon, il 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked at St. Elizabeth's in Belleville for 17 years.

I work in the Occupational Therapy department.

If there is a new hospital built in the O'Fallon then that will enable me to provide better, state-of-the-art care to the community.

It will give better access to state-of-the-art care that the community needs.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shawn McKinney

814 Kaestner Drive

Dupo, IL 62239

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I moved to the Metro East area 22 years ago to work at Scott Air Force Base. I am a member and volunteer for St. Nicholas Church including Eucharistic Minister, Women of Faith, Parish Council and Home Bound Ministry.

I had a surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and annual x-rays. Other family members were treated at St. Elizabeth's.

The O'Fallon replacement will be much closer to my home and my work at Scott Air Force Base. This closer location benefits the populations of Fairview Heights, O'Fallon, Shiloh and those that work at Scott Air Force Base which all continue to grow. Highway 64 access will be extremely beneficial in case of an emergency not only to enter St. Elizabeth's but also to move critical patients to St. Louis when needed.

Modernization is necessary to keep this medical facility in the Metro East area and draw the best medical staff members. We should commit to assist St. Elizabeth's who knows best what they need. They have selected a replacement facility in O'Fallon for a multitude of reasons.

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,

Mrs. Karyl Reckamp

804 Shadow Ridge Crossing

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Karyl M Reckamp

November 09, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon 30 plus years now.

Work there and family has been in the hospital there too. All of my follow coworkers live by the core values Repect, Care, Compence & Joy

Will be closer to home in O'Fallon.

Will be for the better.

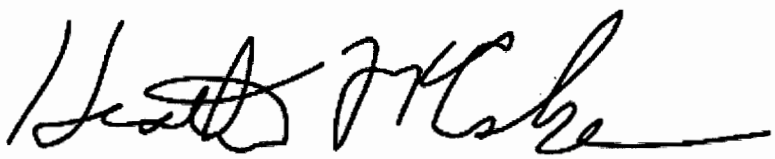
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Heather McCracken

30 Timber Oak Drive

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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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 Region since 2006. I have worked on the Illinois side of the river since 2011.

I, as well as my husband, children, and other family members have been patients of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Having a regional hospital will benefit not only my family, but our friends who live throughout this region, many of whom are retired military who settled in the area after serving at Scott AFB.

Along with the benefit this replacement facility will bring to my community and my family, it will also benefit me personally because I work at the current facility and understand how important the updated technology will be for all the patients we treat from all over the region.

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,

Mrs. Joan Mattingly Cykowski

717 Willow Spring Hill Drive

Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

November 10, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I am a retired Air Force Master Sergeant who has lived in the metro east with my family since 1995.

Everyone in my family has been a St Elizabeth's patient at one time or another. As someone who has visited clinics and hospitals from Denver, Colorado to Kaiserslautern, Germany, I can honestly say the support at St Elizabeth's is top notch.

I imagine a newer hospital with the St Elizabeth's team can only be better. With St Elizabeth's being near the Interstate, it should be easier for more people to access the hospital.

A newer hospital with improved design can aide efficiencies within the hospital making hospital visits even more comfortable.

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,

Mr. William Cylkowski

717 Willow Spring Hill Dr

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Will Cylkowski

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I live in Marissa, IL. I am a registered nurse.

I work in the CCU and have been there for approx. 4 years. I have had several family members treated at St. E's as well.

I wholeheartedly believe the new hospital will benefit both the staff and most importantly the patients and family members. Our rooms are so very small and we have to limit family and visitors to two at a time. Family is not allowed to sleep in the room due to safety of the patient for lack of space for equipment. The new hospital will have spacious rooms and we will welcome family to stay as much as possible, which will benefit the patient holistically. Our adjoining rooms share a bathroom, which is very unsanitary, and much of the time, unusable when the rooms hold patients of different gender. Also, most of our rooms have only curtains and no doors, which gives no privacy for patients and family. The new hospital will have lifts in each room which will benefit our nurses and other staff in protecting our backs.

There are so many updates that need to happen in this old hospital that it only makes sense to build a new one. And the new location is not that far from where the existing hospital is.

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,

Mrs. Janet Baker

1148 Corn Flower Road

Marissa, IL 62257

Janet M Baker RN

November 10, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro east for 46 years. I am a Business manager for Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 360 of East St. Louis.

Many members of our union utilize St. Elizabeth for healthcare.

I-64 is the new ecoomic corridor and it will give more access to all of our members.

The construction of the hospital will provide jobs for our membership.

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,

Mr. Donald DeGonia

#5 Meadow Heights Professional Park

Collinsville, Illinois 62040

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I have lived in the Metro area 40 plus years

family members have been patients at St. Elizabeth's.

The replacement hospital has a better location, with state of the art facility and room for expansion.

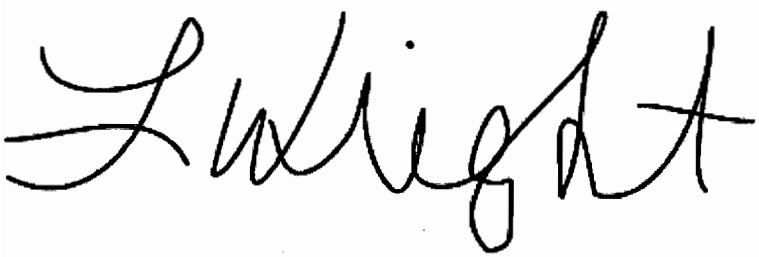
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Wright

818 Misty Valley Rd

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I work in the area.

Family members have been patients at St. Elizabeth's. My grandson was born there last year.

The location will be much easier for us to get there in a timely manner.

The old St. Elizabeth's Hospital is just that - old. They have no room for expansion.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Linders

402 Prairie St.

Germantown, IL 62245

M. Linders

November 10, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

We've lived in the Metro East in north O'Fallon for over 10 years. We are raising a family with two 12 year-olds.

We've utilized St. Elizabeth's for routine treatment. We've also driven to help family friends during emergency room visits.

We've been extremely fortunate to only visit St. Elizabeth's for non-emergent situations. The drive from north O'Fallon thru and into Belleville is onerous. There is no easy way to get there without traversing major commercial areas. So although the actual mileage is not great...the driving is much longer.

In fact, we've always said if our kids needed emergency treatment (non-life threatening) we would hop on I-64 and drive to Children's in St Louis. It would likely be within 5-7 mins of the time required to drive to St. Elizabeth's.

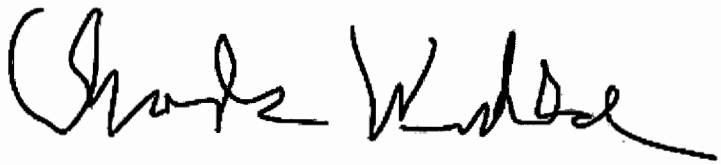
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. (Ret) Charles Wichlac

1230 Farmington Drive

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a life long resident of Belleville.

My family and friends have always and will continue to use St. Elizabeth's as their health care facility.

The replacement hospital will provide better patient care and safety, with all the newest medical technology.

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,

Ms. Mona Wheeler

224 Churchill Dr.

Belleville, Il 62223

Mona Wheeler

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the metro east for 10 years. I am a stay at home mom who volunteers at the O'Fallon YMCA, Holy Trinity Catholic School, and Discovery School.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's for perinatal care during my third pregnancy. My family members and I have also used the urgent care on Green Mount Rd.

It will allow my family and I greater access to care at St. E's. It will also improve my community, which is O'Fallon.

I dislike the current location as it is inconvenient and unsightly. I go to Anderson Hospital if possible, because of these issues.

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,

Mrs. rebecca pickett

1304 Wadsworth Ct.

o'fallon, il 62269

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I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Smallenberger (test)

110 s rhode island

morton, il 61550

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Mrs. Melissa Smallenberger (test)

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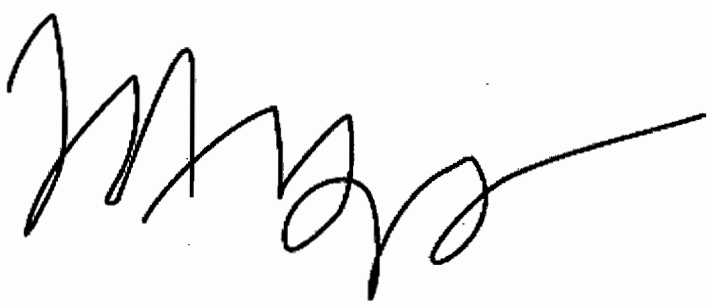
morton, il 61550



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I was raised in Belleville and am now raising my family in this community.

I work in the Emergency Room at St. Elizabeth's. This replacement facility is needed to allow us to give the community the best possible services.

The replacement facility will allow us to serve our current patrons and more. People will follow for the great services we provide.

Our community deserves the best. The best services would be facilitated at a replacement hospital.

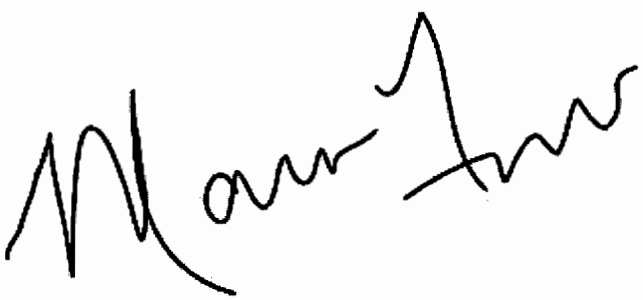
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marcie Frew

195 Calais Court

Belleville, IL 62226



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I was raised in Belleville. My Parents are retired school teachers from the Belleville Public School system.

I have been a patient and my children have received care at St. Elizabeth's.

The current building has served its purpose. It is time for a new facility. Being on the Interstate will allow easier access. Navigating the downtown is difficult. Hospitals are typically on main access routes.

People who go to St. Elizabeth's will continue to be patients. A new facility will just offer more. It will have easier access and increased services and comfort. All key things in giving patients the best.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

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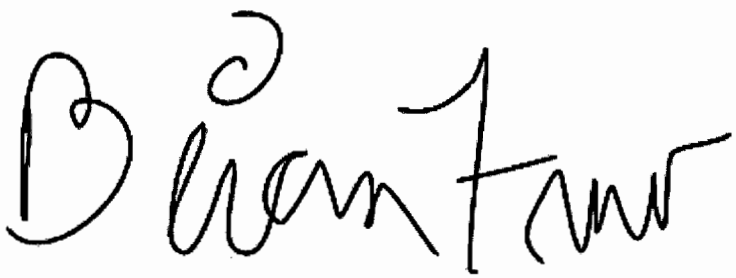

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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

I work at St. Elizabeth's. I was born here in 1963 and have lived here in Belleville all my life.

I have a life long connection to St. Elizabeth's. Its always been our families Hospital. We have had five generations of family born right here at St. Elizabeth's. Anytime a family member has needed care this is where they go. It will not matter to our family where St Elizabeth's builds it will always be be our families healthcare facility. We do not come here for the convenience of location we come here for the care we recieve the care we have always recieved.

This is not about location for me. It is about providing our patients no matter where they live the best possible care available and building a new facilty only insures that. O'fallon just happens to be the right place for all of our patients.

As an employee and resident I urge you to please provide St. Elizabeth's Hospital and this community with this CON. This is not about losing a facility for one city. It is about gaining long term state of the art heathcare for all who need and deserve it.

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,

Mrs. Tracy Spengler

811 Dewey Street

Belleville, Illinois 62221

Tracy Spangler

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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 belleville for 18 years, I work as a systems engineer at Scott AFb. MY wife is a CMA for a cardiologist at SIHI.

My connection to St Elizabeths hospital is as a patient I did my post cardiac surgery at the SIHI rehab center.

The Ofallon location makes St Elizabeths a viable competitor in the metro east health care arena, It will allow healthy competition and accessibility to a larger patient base.

I support this project because i believe that the larger location will allow future expansions that will bring more affordable services to the metro east.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Corbin

296 Brookhaven Dr

Belleville, Illinois 62221

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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 been a resident of the metro-east for 35 years and an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 34 years.

I am an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital as well as having been a patient there several times.

The replacement hospital will be a benefit to the community because of the advanced technology, better access and a better environment for the St. Elizabeth's colleagues and patients.

Working in a 50+ year old facility you can see why a new facility is needed. The air conditioning needs presently can't support the technology needs of the 20th century.

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,

Mrs. Susan Pritchett

2730 CASCADE LAKE DRsssss

BELLEVILLE, IL 62221

Susan Pritchett

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East area my entire life and my children were born at St. Elizabeth's. My husband and I were and continue to be active in our children's schools and in both Queen of Peace Church (where we originally resided) and Holy Trinity Church (where we have been for 29 years now,) as well as with the Knights of Columbus.

After deciding I no longer wanted to commute back and forth to St. Louis after doing that for 30+ years, I thought I would transition to a part-time job for a couple of years. I was hired in July 2001; and due to the values, co-workers, and sense of satisfaction I get from helping others, I am still here.

I feel the move to O'Fallon is not going to change the mission and values of the employees. If anything, it will improve due to the enhanced technology and upgraded facility.

I'm looking forward to the better location and access and would believe the general population would certainly benefit as well.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gloria Cruz

140 Lakeland Hills Drive

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Gloria E. Cruz

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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 live in the city of Mascoutah and and very proud to say that I work at St Elizabeth's Hospital. I have been a member of this community and a hospital employee for the last 11 years. I have had the honor of caring for numerous patients during my years as an ICU nurse (before changing my career path). Their payor source or yearly income never mattered, nor was it discussed. We are here to serve and save every patient that walks in the door to the best of our ability. I have seen technology evolve over my 16 years as a nurse and quite frankly, we owe it to our patients to provide them quality care in a quality environment. I have been the Infection Preventionist for the past 2 years and am very familiar with the limitations and concerns of our current facility. Many of the concerns are mine. These very concerns can be alleviated by building a new, modernized facility.

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,

Mrs. Lisa Jennings

918 Dere Bere Dr

Mascoutah, IL 62258

Lisa Jennings

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have grown up in this area and feel this would be a benefit to the community.

Options of healthcare in the area is needed and St Elizabeth's new facilities would help bring additional options to the area instead of traveling all the way to Missouri.

The new location will provide a better location with more access to a larger group of individuals.

The new hospital location in O'Fallon would bring updated services to the area with better options of healthcare and fill the need of a growing community.

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,

Mr. Brian Horstmann

1541 Linden Lane

Trenton, Illinois 62293

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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 am a former resident of Belleville, and have lived in O'Fallon for more than 40 years. I have been in banking for about the same amount of time, working mostly in Belleville, Swansea, and O'Fallon.

I have had some experience with St. Elizabeth's Hospital: my daughter spent a night or two there for a severe arm fracture about 20 years ago. More recently, my father spent nearly a month there in intensive care before passing away in 2011.

Obviously, the proposed hospital will be closer for me, but this isn't about me. The new location would be easily accessed by more people due to its proximity to a major highway (I 64). The current hospital is reached only by driving down city streets, with stop signs or traffic lights at almost every intersection. So, travel is slow at best. I suspect that even some people who live closer to the current building may find their drive time shortened, due to the better available roads.

As I understand it, The current building cannot be properly updated with the best technology available, so the quality of care will suffer. As that happens, fewer patients will choose to go there, fewer doctors will want to practice there, and the hospital will fall further behind. The new facility will allow them to remain current and competitive, attracting talented doctors and nurses to their staff. Recent letters of opposition have stated that St. Elizabeth's is abandoning the region and that the new location will be farther away for everyone. I disagree with both premises. O'fallon is still very much a part of the region, and it's simply not possible for the new location to be farther away for Everyone! This sort of drama has no place in the discussion.

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,

Mrs. Judy Kampen

906 Reiss Road

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

Judy Kampen

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East for almost ten years, and I grew up in rural Southern Illinois, which I think gives me a unique perspective. I am a corporate attorney.

I have been treated at St. Elizabeth's twice, and I was really pleased with the service. I think it goes without saying, however, that the facilities seem outdated.

A new St. Elizabeth's in the O'Fallon area will provide a better location and access for the state-of-art facility that St. Elizabeth's deserves. It will also be located near the Memorial East building, which will provide two (at least) major health care centers right off of Highway 64.

I support the project more than for my own convenience. I think it will be a boon to the area where I live as well, creating new jobs and growing the O'Fallon area. I also think that it will create a

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Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Franklin

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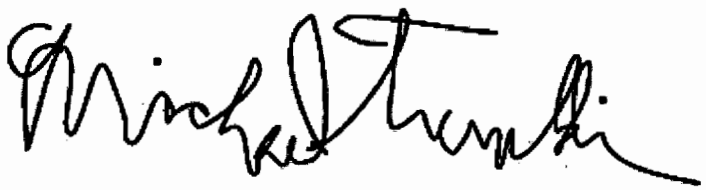
Lebanon, IL - Illinois 62254



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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.

My family and I have lived in the area for 10 years. I have worked at St. Elizabeth's hospital for 6 years.

My husband and I have two children and all of us use St. Elizabeth's hospital. My husband has had shoulder surgery at this hospital and was very pleased with the outcome.

The new hospital would not only be a better location for my family but also many others. Many times when the streets in Belleville are closed for events, the hospital is unaccessible. This has happened to me many times while driving to work. Also, there are many stop signs on the drive to the hospital. This is not good for ambulances and people trying to get to our hospital for life saving issues.

As an employee who has seen the continous projects to bring our current hospital to code, I see this as never ending. Our current facilities are outdated and in constant need of updating in order to give our patients the best care possible.

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,

Ms. Gayle Eubanks

528 Falling Leaf Way

Mascoutah , Illinois 62258

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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 been a resident of O'Fallon since 1991. I am employed by SSM Health Care in St. Louis, at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center as Supervisor in the Hematology Laboratory

I received by laboratory training during an internship year at St. Elizabeth in the laboratory. This was the year after I received my Bachelor's degree. My sons have both been hospitalized there in the past.

The chosen O'Fallon location will give much easier access to all residents in the metro east region. Proximity to the interstate highway system is vital.

Heakthcare as we know it today is based in Catholic teaching and heritage. I very much support the mission and values that will be present in a facility built and administered by the Hospital Sisters Health System.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Jines

405 Westfield Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

L. Jines

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I was born in East St. Louis and have lived in the Metro East all of my 57 years. I am currently an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and am very much in support of a replacement hospital for this facility.

I come from a large family of 10 people. My family members have utilized St. Elizabeth's Hospital many times over the years such as childbirth, surgery and Emergency Room care.

The new hospital will offer a much better laid out facility for the services they provide. More parking will be available close to the hospital for employees and visitors. Access to the new hospital will be much better as with the current downtown Belleville location, traffic issues can delay getting to the hospital which can result in delay of medical care for people coming to the hospital in their own vehicles.

As technology improves, so must the hospital upgrade with technology. With the current structure, there is no room for growth or advancement in services to the community. With the replacement hospital, there is room for future expansion as the need permits. For example, if the hospital should choose to expand to pediatric specialty services such as cardiology, orthopedic or neonatal intensive care then there will be availability for expansion of these services with the replacement hospital. Currently, these critical care cases are transported to the St. Louis facilities such as Children's Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital. With the current facility, expanding to service these types of pediatric specialty care would not be available. St. Elizabeth's Hospital needs to have opportunity to expand its services to the needs of the surrounding community.

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,

Mrs. Diane Bachman

33 Dorchester Drive

Belleville, IL 62223

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Buckman

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a life long resident of the Metro East. I am also a current employee of the hospital. In fact, it has been my pleasure to be involved in their mission and services for some 40 plus years now.

Also my two children were born at this facility. Actually I can say between my work as an employee and the use of the facility by my entire family as health care consumers, that St. Elizabeth's has been my

I believe the O'Fallon replacement hospital will actually improve access for patients throughout our region. I see the proposed location conveniently located within minutes for the entire service area.

Additionally, a new facility will provide both design and technology opportunities to improve the customer experience, enhance patient satisfaction, and get desired outcomes. Ultimately this is our mission. It's why we do what we do. Our patients, indeed our community deserves this.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelvin Argo

20 Clover Dr.

Belleville, IL 62221

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East community for over a year and work in the pharmacy department at St. Elizabeth's.

What initially brought me to St. Elizabeth's hospital was their pharmacy residency program. After completing my residency year, I was excited to have the opportunity to accept a position as a clinical pharmacy specialist to stay with the hospital.

The key reason the replacement hospital is needed is due to clear limitations that our current, out-dated building lends us. This replacement hospital is vital to the survival of St. Elizabeth's presence in the Metro East area in the future.

I also believe that the new hospital will allow us to best serve our patients from the surrounding communities.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelsey Bauman

745 Forest Green Dr.

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Kelsey L Bauman, PharmD

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I have lived in the metro east area for my whole life, 37 years.

I am currently employed as a postpartum nurse at St. Elizabeth's. Working for St. Elizabeth's has been a wonderful experience and a pleasure to serve so many in the metro east area.

I believe that the O'Fallon location gives us a more centralized location and better access for so many of our patients. It allow us to upgrade our medical technology to continue to provide exceptional and technology advanced healthcare.

Everyone at St. Elizabeth's truly takes our mission to serve to heart. A new facility would allow us to take our service to the community to the next level.

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,

Mrs. Christy Scott

11477 Mansholt Rd

Bunker Hill, IL 62014

Christy Scott

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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I moved to Belleville, IL in 1978 when my father retired from the Air Force. I married in Belleville and raised two children. We moved to O'Fallon, IL in 2011, a very smart move I do not regret.

While in college, I began my affiliation with St. E's as a phlebotomist in 1987 to help pay for school. My training placed me in two other hospitals. Neither hospital had the same 'part of the family' warmth and caring as St. E's. After I graduated I went to work for St. E's. The first time I saw St. E's as a treatment facility was when my father was diagnosed with brain cancer and the Air Force base transferred him to St. E's. I can still remember his face when he told me about his nurse who went out on her lunch break to get him a certain newspaper the hospital did not have.

Like I said before, my family moved to O'Fallon before the hospital project was well known. I drive the seven miles to Belleville to work because it is a great place to work. I drive the seven miles to Belleville to see my Doctor and use St. E's as a hospital. When the hospital moves, of course my commute will be shorter but if I still lived in Belleville, I would drive seven miles to work and I would drive seven miles to see my doctor and use St. E's as a hospital

My family moved to O'Fallon because see saw a decline in Belleville. O'Fallon is growing and improving. The move is an obvious one.

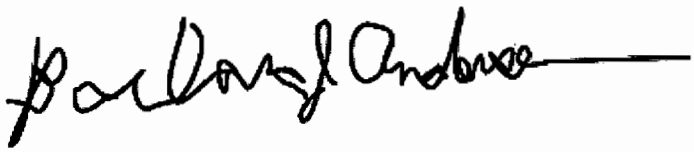
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barb Andersen

1444 Arley Hill Dr.

OFallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon IL for 23 years. I was stationed at Scott AFB for 5 years, retired from there, and have worked as a contractor on base for 18 years.

I have been to St. Elizabeth's several times. My wife and I were taken to their emergency room after a car crash. I have been there for several procedures.

St. Elizabeth's in O'Fallon will provide closer/faster emergency room access, and more convenient access for routine services.

St. E's wants to move for business reasons. If the state of Illinois wants a hospital in Belleville they should build one there or pay someone to run one there.

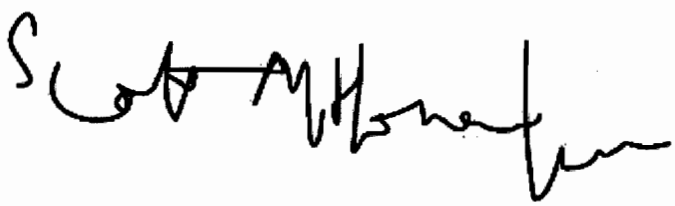
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Col. (Ret) Scott Hoversten

700 Chatsworth Ct

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in O'Fallon my entire life of 63 years. My husband and I have three sons. Two still live here and are raising their family here. I have retired but had a pension administration business. I still help to support the Shriners, the Rotary and the new needy family Thanksgiving group.

Because we currently have the St. Elizabeth's Urgi care in O'Fallon, I have from time to time used that facility for testing. I have also driven to Belleville to use facilities available there.

I look forward to the hospital relocating to O'Fallon. It will be great to have a great facility closer. You cannot always depend on getting across the bridges in St. Louis quickly to get quality help.

The metro east is in dire need of a hospital on our side of the river.

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,

Mrs. Karen Brown

513 TurtleCreek Ct

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Karen Brown

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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 since 1978. I also work for a local architecture firm and am involved with coaching youth athletics and supporting low income families by delivering donated groceries through my church.

Both my mother and father were patients at St. Elizabeth's. My mom even passed away in the Hospice Room at the hospital. They loved the staff and care they received. However the facilities are very antiquated and the conditions of the hospital were very poor compared to neighboring facilities.

The O'Fallon location will offer a new state of the art facility that is built for the medicine of today, not 100 years ago. It will also be closer for my family of 5.

I support the fact that we live in America and the last time I looked you should be able to put your business in the location you think it would function the best. I understand that their are regulations that control the number of beds, but the hospital has determined that those beds and the community would be best served in O'Fallon at a brand new facility.

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,

Mr. Bryan Mason

1105 River Birch Drive

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

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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 for 12 years and am employed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

I have used St. Elizabeth's Hospital for outpatient services and my father was hospitalized for four days last year. While he was hospitalized, I was especially grateful for the Emergency Department staff, the high quality nursing staff, and the Saint Louis University Family Medicine Residents who provided excellent, compassionate care to my father.

During my dad's stay, I had the opportunity to view the hospital from a family member's view for the first time. While the staff was great at providing high-quality care, there were several issues with the hospital facility and the location itself that presented obstacles for me and my family. The rooms were small, and did not allow enough room for our family to visit comfortably. The technological infrastructure did not allow me to have cell phone coverage from all areas, causing me at times to leave my dad's room to make necessary phone calls to loved ones. My family members found the hospital difficult to get to from where they live and the confusion of the one way streets in Belleville led them to ask me to transport them to and from the hospital, which only added to my stress level in the already stressful situation. I also received several comments from family members asking if St. Elizabeth's was really the best place for my dad since it is so outdated. As a colleague and as a family member of a patient, I was disappointed with these issues. These were not issues or concerns that anyone should be faced with when seeking health care, and it is a shame that issues such as these can pick away at your overall hospital experience.

I believe that a new state-of-the-art facility would solve these important issues. The hospital and patient rooms will be built with patients and family members in mind. The technological infrastructure will be constructed not only for today's technology, but for years to come, and the aesthetically pleasing and technologically advanced hospital will give patients and family members peace of mind when choosing to stay in Illinois to receive the quality health care they need and deserve.

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,

Mrs. Emily Wilson

3506 Pierland Dr.

Pocahontas, IL 62275

Emily J. Wilson

November 13, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East since January 1975. I am currently self-employed in the service industry, serving customers in this area.

I was a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in late 1994 and received excellent care.

This area has grown substantially during the years I have lived here, especially O'Fallon. I believe the replacement hospital will benefit a growing O'Fallon with better health care.

In addition, the jobs provided by this facility will help the O'Fallon area continue to grow and prosper.

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,

Mr. Gilbert Carothers

112 Atlantic Ave.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Gilbert Carothers

November 13, 2014

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Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Belleville area for 40 years. I have been an employee of St. Elizabeths for more than 30 years.

I beleive a new hospital with advanced equipment, can provide our patients with more up to date care.

I think the location is ideal to render care to a larger population.

With our existing building, the cost would be enormous to bring to the level of care we will be able to provide in the new hospital.

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,

Mrs. Tanya Doerr

200 Brian Dr.

Swansea , Illinois 62226

Tanya Doerr

November 13, 2014

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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 all of my life and I have worked in O'Fallon IL since 1991.

Between me and my extended family we have utilized the services of St. Elizabeth's Hospital numerous times over the decades.

I strongly support the hospital's move to O'Fallon because of the improved access the new location will provide.

The O'Fallon location will be more assessable not only for residents of O'Fallon but for most residents in the metro east. I love the old building in Belleville but it is clearly tired as well as being difficult to get to.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Hopkins

9 Deer Run

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Dan Hopkins

November 13, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Belleville all of my life. I started working here in 1977 as RN. For 37 years I have considered it my home. I was married while working here, my children were born here, my father passed away here 7 years ago.

Fourteen and two years ago my husband suffered heart attacks and was treated here. His life has been saved by the great staff of doctors and nurses who work here.

Over the years I have watched the hospital deteriorate from age. A new facility with state of the art technology would be welcome and something we need.

Some people think we should stay here as if we move something will be lost in Belleville. I think we will be the new improved ST.E's with the same employees and the same wonderfull enthusiasm and spirit.

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,

Mrs. Patricia Sobczak

101 Rose Marie Drive

Belleville, IL 62220

November 13, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area all my life, 57 years. I have worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville for 20 years. I drive 35 miles one way to work, because I believe in the misson of St. Elizabeth and work with colleagues who do also.

I have had several out patient services at St. Elizabeth's and my children have had surgery here. I have always received excellent care and did not hesitate when my children needed surgery to choose a physician from St. Elizabeth's and this hospital.

The location in O'fallon right off the interstate will make using St. ELizabeth's much easier. But the main reason I support the replacement hospital is because of technology. The current building does not have the ability to be updated enough to use some current and definitely not future improvements in health care technology.

I believe as all businesses strive to be their best for their customers, we want no less for ours customers. So a new building with the latest technology and beautiful surrondings will be our best for the people of the Metro East.

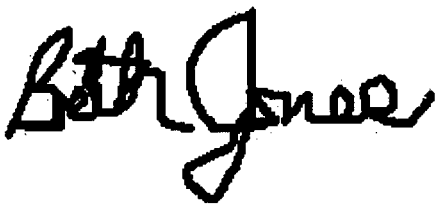
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Jones

7126 N. State Rt 159

Moro, IL 62067



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I am a contract employee of St. Elizabeth's. I have had the pleasure of being a part of the St. Elizabeth's team for the last 20 years as a physical therapist. Currently I am the Director of Rehabilitation.

I have also had a number of family members who have been patients at St. Elizabeth's both in the inpatient and outpatient settings. They received wonderful care and had great outcomes.

I have had first hand experience with the limitations of the current facility. One example is the age of the many roofs and the number of times and the amount of money the hospital has spent on repairs. Also, the hospital was set up for the work environment from 50 years ago. Currently, the needs have changed and with the current long halls, small rooms and outdated bathrooms, it is difficult as a therapist to assist the patients with their functional needs. The current location is very land locked. It would be very difficult to build a new facility in our current location without being very disruptive to our patients who would be receiving care at the same time. I am on the 8th floor, and it does not seem possible to tear down part of the building and keep another area open.

As a family member of a patient in the critical care unit, the rooms are not designed to house the current equipment and privacy needs of the patients. The bathrooms were very small and we had a difficult time with accessibility.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Dibadj

34 Signal Point

Belleville, IL 62223

Tom Dibaulj, PT

November 14, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

39 years in O'Fallon Small business operator 20 employees Rotary Club of O'Fallon, Karla Smith Foundation, O'Fallon Shiloh Chamber of commerce.

Mother was a patient, my doctor is a St Elizabeth's doctor. Moms stay in rehab ward marred by recurring pneumonia due to aging conditions of the ward and inability of hospital to control infections. It is not cost effective to remedy the issue at the current facility.

Enhanced access, modern facility with better control of infectious disease during hospital stays, doctors more willing to admit patients to St. Elizabeth's because the conditions for a favorable outcome are more present.

The Affordable Care Act changes the nature of hospital support in a community and makes it imperative that hospitals be both available and profitable.St Elizabeth can be neither in the present facility. The future of Southwest Illinois health care under the ACA is along the I-64 corridor, as evidenced by the move of Memorial Hospital to Shiloh, and the future growth of BJC in the same corridor.

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,

Mr. Richard Cecil

1260 Rutherford Ridge

O Fallon, IL 62269

Viewed

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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 been in the metro east area for over 47 years and I am a home remodeler.

several friends and family as patients.

Better location.

updated facility.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Darnell Metts

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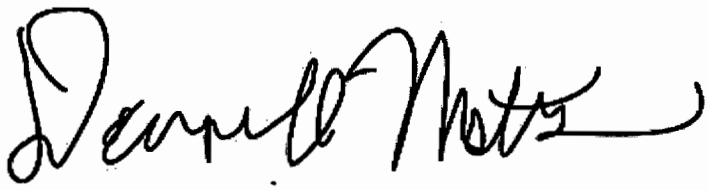
washington park, Illinois 62204



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East for 18 years. I volunteer at the O'Fallon Food Pantry and the schools in the area.

My son and husband have been a patient in the emergency room and we were very much pleased with the services. Everyone treated us with the up most respect and were very caring and professional.

I feel the O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit all in the location, being right off the highway, giving quicker access to the facility.

It will be much cheaper to build a new building then to update the current one.

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,

Mrs. Jean Nesch

1405 Cedar Ridge Dr

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Jean Nesch

November 14, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Mascoutah, Illinois for 12 years now and have been working throughout the St. Louis metro area the entire time.

I have been a previous patient to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The hospital will benefit the overall metro east region with it's new location. Some of the reasons would be easier access for everyone coming from all directions and cities. They will also be still located right along the Metrolink bus line so as to remain serving those who use that as a main source of transportation. The main reason myself and anyone else should support this project is the quality of care through the latest technology. In building the new hospital they will also be getting all of the most recent technology that goes along with it. That in turn would increase the quality of patient care.

In closing, I do not understand the whole Certificate of Need business. I mean I can see if they were wanting to build an additional hospital to the one they are operating. This is just building a new and better one to replace the building and equipment they operate from/with now. Newer equipment, technology, and buildings are only going to enhance and increase the patients stay and care. No one can oppose that. The only reason the city of Belleville is against it is because they will be losing TAX DOLLARS!!!! They did nothing to support the hospital until they found out they were losing their money then they started to care.

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,

Mr. Mark Jennings

918 Dere Bere Dr.

Mascoutah, IL 62258

Mark Jennings

November 14, 2014

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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 for over a decade and work as a residential remodeling contractor. I also volunteer at our local church as a worship leader and as a small group leader.

I have had several family members go to St. Elizabeths hospital over the years and received wonderful care there. However the hospital is in great need of an overhaul and a location change would also help.

I believe the O'Fallon replacement hospital would benefit our company with a more central location that is easier to access from the interstate. I also believe we need to have up to date technology to keep up with our growing area.

Our region is still suffering from the recession and could use the local economic boost of construction labor and additional hospital jobs that this new location would provide.

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,

Mr. Trent Ketchum

41 Irma Ln.

Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

Trent A Ketchum

November 14, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East all of my life and have worked for one of the hospitals within Hospital Sisters Health System in their southern division for the last ten.

Many of my family members have been patients at St Elizabeth's hospital through the years and plan to follow them where ever they go.

One specific example of why I agree with St Elizabeth's campaign for more room is a few months ago, my mom was taking my aunt for some follow up services at the hospital and unfortunately, they were there (parked in a metered space) longer than 2 hours. My mom could not leave my aunt to run down and put in another quarter (which the meter only allows to put in one at a time) and she received a ticket from the city.

I am fully in support of this project for many more reasons other than space. Another that just so happens to come to mind is the issue of navigating through town to get to the hospital. As I am sure so many have stated, it takes an extra 15 minutes of travel time to navigate through town to get to the hospital in its current location and that is without busy traffic, I can only imagine what EMS has to deal with trying to get through in an emergency.

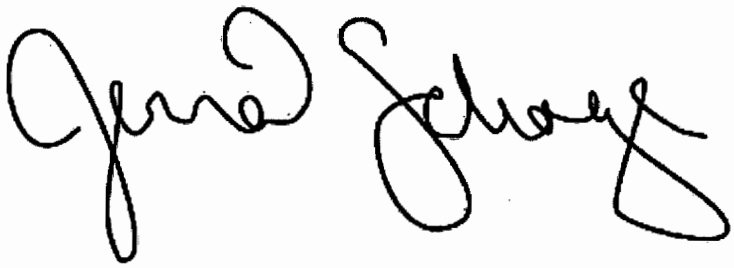
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jenna Schrage

506 East Brook Drive

Aviston, Illinois 62216



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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 am 53 years old and have lived my entire life in the Belleville area. I have been employed as a banker for 31+ yrs all in the metro east.

All 3 of my sons have been born in St. Elizabeths.

This new hospital would enhance the quality of medical care available here in Illinois and not require travel to Missouri to get the same quality care. The difference in travel would be negligible and would be more easily accessible than the current location. It also would provide close access to other amenities like grocery stores etc. which is not available at their current location.

This new hospital will allow St Elizabeths to be more competitive. I do not like the tactics being used by the city and groups trying to prohibit their moving.

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,

Mr. Daniel Koenigstein

3937 Stone Church Rd

Venedy, IL 62214

Daniel Koenigstein

November 14, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East all my life and was born at St. Elizabeth's. I have literally grown up in this hospital. My mother was a past employee here as well as other family members and I have worked at St. Elizabeth's for the past 12 years.

My family and I all choose St. Elizabeth's for our healthcare needs. We have always revieced exceptional care.

The replacement hospital will benefit everyone. Enhanced technology is a necessity to keep up with the everchanging healthcare field. This will help to provide top of the line patient care.

I support everthing that is going into this project. St. Elizabeth's carries out our mission everyday with our patients and community, and our patients deserve the best around! A new replacement hospital is long overdue and will only help to enhance the exemplary care our patients already recieve!

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,

Ms. Sara Randle

739 Klein Drive

Smithton, IL 62285

November 14, 2014

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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 O'Fallon since March 2012, and I work from my home.

I have been an out-patient at St. Elizabeths for various medical procedures.

Because I live near the I-64 in O'Fallon, access to the replacement hospital will be more convenient for me. It will also benefit me (as well as many others in the region) at large since there are times when I have found it more convenient to simply hop on I-64 and run over to St. Louis for medical care rather than to go to St. Elizabeths in Belleville.

The biggest reason I support St. Elizabeths move has nothing to do with my personal convenience. Rather, it is due to the fact that it will serve the Metro-East region at large much more effectively than the Belleville facility, and in particular it will serve the under-served population in a much more effective and efficient manner. St. Elizabeths Belleville location is difficult to get to from East St. Louis, Washington Park, Sauget, and the other poor communities in Metro-East. While I understand that the poor in Belleville will have to travel a slightly greater distance to the new hospital, the facility in O'Fallon will be far more accessible to a much greater number of poor throughout the Metro-East region. Therefore, the big picture issue as I see it is: Should St. Elizabeths be required to stay in Belleville, where it readily accessible to a limited number of the poor who in reside in or near the city, and to serve that population (and others) in an outdated facility? or Should St. Elizabeths be permitted to move to a location that will serve many more underprivileged in the entire region (and will still be accessible to residents of Belleville), and to provide those services in a state-of-the-art facility? That is somewhat of a rhetorical question as the answer is obvious! I also disapprove of the parochial attitude taken by the St. Elizabeth's opponents. I can best express my disapproval through the analogy we see in the U.S. Government. Many of us disapprove of Congress' inability to get things done because members of Congress promote their respective parties' interests at the expense of the national good. In like fashion, the anti-St. Elizabeth's movement is driven by the parochial interests of the City of Belleville, but such an attitude comes at the expense of the much broader interests of the Metro-East community at large.

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,

Mr. Spencer Reese

708 Thoreau Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

November 14, 2014

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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.

Lived in ME 8 years. Work at Scott AFB.

I have been a patient.

Proximity, service, no need to go to St Louis. Scott AFB does not have a hospital.

Facility in Belleville is difficult to get to and has outlived it's useful life.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Meyers

520 Talbert Place

O'Fallon, IL 62269

November 14, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the metro east area for 22 years and worked at St. Elizabeths Hospital for 11 years.

All my family members and I have come to St. Elizabeths for all 22 years and always recieved excellent care from everyone we have come in contact with.

The new hospital will help the entire community with better interstate proximity to serve the entire metro east. This also helps serve people to the east that can drive down interstate 64 or hiway 50 and recieve emergency care. This move isn't just about Belleville or O'fallon it's about the entire community.

St. Elizabeths building is land locked and has an extremely outdated infrastructure. In order to give the most advanced care with the best technology the community needs a building to support these technologies. You can can only retrofit an old building so much. We have nowhere to grow at this current location. Also the city of Belleville has done nothing to help the streets or areas around the hospital.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper

106 Whitehall Drive

O'fallon, Illinois 62269

G Cooper

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

43 years and I work as a unit secretary in the ER

Myself as well as other family members were patients as well as employed at St Elizabeth's

Better location, and Enhanced technology for patient care.

I beleive a new facility will help with the overwhelming crowding within our region in the hospital now

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marcy Canini

1075 Troy O'fallon Rd

Troy, IL 62294

November 14, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

Our family has lived in the O'Fallon area four years. We are a military family and the times when we needed to seek emergency care required us to travel to downtown Belleville or to Memorial hospital. Neither one of these facilities is easily accessible from the O'Fallon/Shiloh area. St. Elizabeth's proposed new location would provide easy access from the Interstate as well as Highway 50 in O'Fallon.

Our travel time to St. Elizabeth's current location is 20-30 minutes depending on traffic.

The new location would provide easy access to the entire community. It might also encourage military members to retire in the local area due to the excellent medical facilities this new hospital will provide.

The location of the new hospital is in close proximity to Scott Air Force Base. Having quality medical care this close to the base could be important in defending the installation from possible closure. The new hospital would also increase surrounding businesses which will enhance the entire metro area.

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,

CMSGT Michael ODonnell

347 Logan Drive

O Fallon, Illinois 62269

Niall O'Donnell

November 14, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for 10 years this time. I use St Elizabeth's rather then going into St. Louis whenever possible. If not for St Elizabeth's, my healthcare would be in St Louis.

I work at St.Elizabeth's,but have also been an inpatient in the past year. I have opportunity to use their outpatient services. My mother,sister and her family and my brothers all use the services at St. Elizabeth's

The new location will be much easier to access because I can use I-64 instead of driving through Mascoutah and Belleville to get to the hospital

Working at the hospital, I know how often things don't work, especially the elevators. The emergency room needs to be updated for better care

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Annette Garcia

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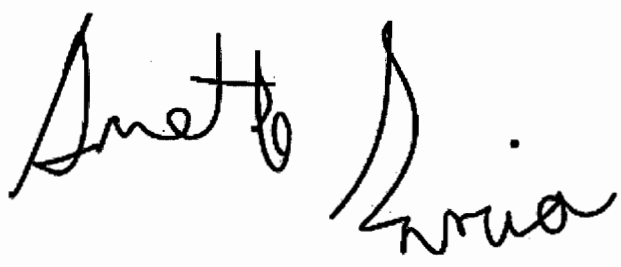
Okawville, il 62271



November 14, 2014

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.

My family and I have lived in the area for 10 years. I have worked at St. Elizabeth's hospital for 6 years.

My husband and I have two children and all of us use St. Elizabeth's hospital. My husband has had shoulder surgery at this hospital and was very pleased with the outcome.

The new hospital would not only be a better location for my family but also many others. Many times when the streets in Belleville are closed for events, the hospital is unaccessible. This has happened to me many times while driving to work. Also, there are many stop signs on the drive to the hospital. This is not good for ambulances and people trying to get to our hospital for life saving issues.

As an employee who has seen the continous projects to bring our current hospital to code, I see this as never ending. Our current facilities are outdated and in constant need of updating in order to give our patients the best care possible.

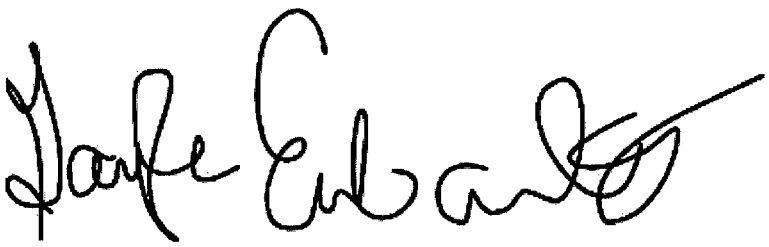
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gayle Eubanks

528 Falling Leaf Way

Mascoutah , Illinois 62258



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the metro east for 41 years and have worked for the Hospital Sisters Health System for the past 3 years.

I am currently employed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital and am proud of the organizations commitment to health care and their desire to build a new hospital that will facilitate the growth and advancement of health care within the region.

The new location offers broad opportunities for expansion that is not possible at the present location. Additoinally, better access from highways will better benefit the hospital as well as the services it will be able to develop.

I am and have been an employee with the HSHS group for three years now and wish to see the organization continue to grow and expand. The campus in O'fallon presents this potential to the HSHS group as broadening the possibility for health care services in the region.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Hall

915 E. Old National Trail

Pocahontas, IL 62275

Matthew L. Hall

November 14, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I recently visited your hospital during my sister's surgery. I believe the surgery was successful. I do also believe the incredible staff worked harder because the rooms were so small and lacked current technology.

I do not live in the Belleville area but my sister is a local resident. Also my family has benefited from rehab treatment in other facilities not connected with St Elizabeth's. My first thought as I looked at area and facility was that the old hospital would be an awesome asset to the current community with regard to drug and/or alcohol treatment. This is an ever growing need. The small rooms would be perfect for private patient rehab. Treatment for drugs and alcohol does not require the same amount of technology and equipment as surgery. This facility would also be walking distance for many needs of the local community. This current facility would also be very beneficial as a long term care facility or for hospice care. These are also growing needs in our communities.

The new replacement facility would be able to have the technology and equipment necessary to keep up with all of the ACA compliant care and processing of records with the latest technology available. There is a great need for parking and emergency vehicle access in the current structure. The replacement hospital would be able to meet these needs with more space available in the surrounding area. The current structure is boxed in and the cost of tearing down the surrounding structures is costly and only a temporary fix even if the surrounding buildings were available to purchase and tear down.

My family and I are in the insurance business that is constantly changing. I believe our business as well as yours must continue to move forward to meet needs with the most efficient technology and customer service. In order to continue into the future care business cost and efficiency of a newer facility is a must.

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,

Mrs. Tammy Fergurson

2168 Southbrooke Rd

Jacksonville, IL 62650

Tammy
Ferguson

November 15, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in southern Illinois most of my life. I worked at St Joseph's Hospital in Highland for 20 years.

I recently started working at St. Elizabeth's.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital would definitely benefit me as it would be a much shorter commute.

My main reason for supporting St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital though is because it would also be much closer commute for Highland patients that are transferred to Belleville when St. Joseph's in Highland can't meet their needs. The replacement hospital would allow faster treatment of the transferring patient. It would also make it easier for family members to visit.

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,

Mrs. Nancy Casper

60 Sundew

Highland , IL 62249

November 15, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have lived in O'Fallon for 18 years.

I currently work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. In addition, I have several family members and friends that have benefitted from our accredited chest pain center.

As an employee, I see the need for a new hospital every day. The current hospital was not built to accommodate modern technology, or the high acuity of patients that we see on a daily basis.

The new location will allow better access to the hospital from several surrounding areas.

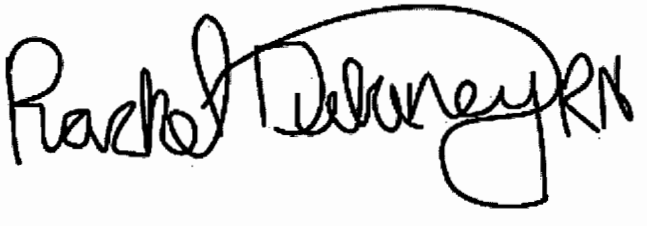
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel Dulaney

2045 Fairfield Pl. Apt 11

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I currently am employed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

I am currently an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Members of my family have been treated at this hospital and I believe that the move to the new hospital will be beneficial.

I believe that this move will benefit everyone in the community because we will have a better location and access to the highway. Along with access to any accidents that could happen on the highway. With the highway being right there it will make a quicker route that ambulances can take to get patients to us more quickly. With a new hospital comes the enhanced technology that would make our hospital stand out from the others and would also keep us up to date with new advancements. This move will also make transfers from our sister hospitals to us much quicker which is a very positive thing!

I grew up in Highland and they just built the new hospital a year or so ago and the new hospital is wonderful! I would like our hospital to do the same because I know it will benefit the community as well as the people who work here. It will be an all around good thing for everyone! The technology advancements that can be made in a new hospital plus getting to make a hospital that we design to make it a better fit for patients and staff! The possibilities are endless!

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,

Ms. Shaina Gross

404 Main Street

Jamestown , IL 62275

Shaina
Gross

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have been a family physician working in O'Fallon for eight years and have seen the dramatic growth to the region without easily accessible hospital facilities.

I have both personally and through my patients utilized St Elizabeth Hospital. The current location of the hospital is poorly situated to serve the needs of the greater community. The distance from our office to the hospital has created a barrier that does not allow me to care for my patients at the hospital. Beyond the location, the facilities themselves are suffering and do not allow the best experience for patients and their families. The age of the building even can inhibit the hospital's options to enhance their technology to stay a leader in health care in this region. Our clinic provides services to a large diverse population of patients from East St Louis to Trenton. We certainly have a large group of patients from O'Fallon, Belleville and Mascoutah which all will be served better by the relocation of the hospital for access.

Our office is a major feeding office for the current hospital. Emergency transportation to St Elizabeth is terrible time consuming for the EMS due to the poor location and road access. At times when work was being done in downtown Belleville even the emergency routes were limited and delayed. Those extra minutes can mean life and death to patients. The actually physical location move is less than 10 miles but the interstate and close highway access is essential to continued care.

The opposition is concerned about the loss of jobs in downtown Belleville, however the hospital is not discussing downsizing employees. If the hospital has to remain in their current location we have a much higher risk of staff moving to work in St Louis for better facilities, and with that will follow the highest quality of health care that the hospital continues to strive to provide. The move to the O'Fallon location will provide improved facilities and enhanced technology and will likely keep more employees working in Illinois.

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,

Dr. Nell Ann Hennon

2515 Westinghouse Drive

Belleville, Illinois 62221

November 15, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the metro east area for 6 years. I am a registered dietitian.

My husband was born at St. Elizabeth's.

It will have a much more accessible location in OFallon.

New hospital. Bringing in more state of the art equipment. Better access to health care for the community.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debra Hartmann

1421 South Clinton Road

Caseyville, IL 62232

November 15, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been a resident of Monroe County for 20 years and grew up in St. Clair County. I am a Registered Nurse and I have worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 19 years.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and both of my children were born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. All of my family living in the Smithton area choose St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

It has been frustrating over the years to care for patients in the ICU at St. Elizabeth's due to the old layout of the facility. Most of our current patient rooms have only a curtain to provide privacy and limit noise. This contributes to a lack of sleep and then often, confusion. Also, the rooms have only a small window that is in a position that the patient cannot even see out of and the rooms are quite small. Not being able to see outside can also lead to depression and confusion. Families do not have much space to visit or stay with their loved one. I know that we provide excellent care to our patients. These patients continue to be devoted to St. Elizabeth's Hospital despite the outdated facility because we incorporate our Franciscan values of care, respect,competence, and joy into our everyday patient care. Our devoted patients deserve a modern facility. I am confident that my family in Smithton will travel the short distance to O'Fallon to continue to be patients at St. Elizabeth's rather than cross over to Missouri.

The new location will provide easier access for many more residents of the Metro East and these people deserve a regional medical center.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Gordon

8203 Heather Lane

Waterloo, IL 62298

Julie A. Gordon

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Highland for 2 years now. I am a local Avon Representative in the area. I am also an ER Patient Registra.

I have used St. Elizabeth's for sleep studies and for testing.

I believe the new hospital will bring more services to the local area. It will bring the hospital closer to me and my family.

We need a trama center in this area. We shouldn't have to go across the bridge when a major accident happens. We should have a local hospital that can handle any situation.

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,

Ms. Tanya Spears

1613 Paradise Dr

Highland, IL 62249

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for more than 25 years and have been a part of numerous healthcare changes. During the hiring process as a nurse manager, I have been told,

My mother will go to only St. Elizabeth's Hospital for her healthcare needs no matter where the location is. Granted, the O'Fallon location would be more accessible to her. She lives 50 miles away. She chooses St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the outstanding care and the quality of care she receives. It's not the distance to and from that makes the difference to my mother. It's the respect, care, competence, and joy she receives from St. Elizabeth's Hospital care providers. After all, and as a St. Elizabeth's Hospital colleague, this is the environment we have created and share with our patients.

A tremendous compliment to St.Elizabeth's Hospital colleagues is asking us to be a part of the planning and design of a new facility. How smart is this! I will tell you; it doesn't get any better. Why wouldn't you want the people who have firsthand knowledge of how their units operate, how things could be done if we had the newest technology, to be a part of the design? This is how the HSHS Organization thinks. A new facility in a better location with easier access, continuing to give outstanding care with top of the line technology is what this organization wants to provide.

In this new facility, we will continue to provide outstanding care to all.

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,

Ms. Stella Perkins

6455 LL Rd.

Waterloo, Illinois 62298

Stella Porkino

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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 City of Belliville for 43 years, and have been a small business owner in Belleville for 19 yrs. I am a supporter of Belleville and the entire Metro East.

I have had several procedures in the hospital, including the birth of my 2 children. St Elizabeth's has been wonderful for my family but I believe they need a newer more accessible facility.

The replacement hospital will provide them with the technology to deliver state-of-the-art healthcare, while being more conveniently located for ALL Metro East residents.

The replacement hospital will provide equalization of healthcare for all of the metro east residents and allow St Elizabeth's to adequately serve the community for the next 140 years.

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,

Mr. Thomas Egan

22 Kings Pointe

Belleville, IL 62223

Tom Egan

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I was born in Belleville and moved back to the area 3 years ago to work as a physician in Belleville

I am a physician working at St. Elizabeths providing surgical care. The culture of the nurses and staff is one to be commended. Patient care is priority number one

The replacement hospital will completely transform how we are able to care for members of our community. They deserve the best and that is what we need to provide for them.

I believe the replacement hospital is not deserting Belleville, but rather providing the level of care that the residents of Belleville need and deserve.

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,

Dr. Stacy Stratmann

540 W. Lincoln

Belleville, IL 62220

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Belleville O'Fallon area for 55 years. As an RN od 30 years, I do not see the need for another hospital in the area. Especially with the construction of the new Memorial hospital.

I was born @ St Elizabeth's.

I do not really see an advantage of yet another hospital.

I selected the prefabbed support statements because there was no other selection.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Runner

810 N. Smiley

O'Fallon, ILL 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been a volunteer fire captain and fire chief in St. Clair County for 24 years . I was also EMA Director for St. Clair County, IL for 9 years.

My wife is an ICU nurse at St Elizabeth's hospital and we live less than two minutes from the current facility. Even with her increased drive time, I feel that the advantages far out way an additional 10 minutes on the road to work. I also feel the inherent safety for her in a modern facility will be beneficial.

There are a myriad of reasons for a new St. Elizabeth's hospital. Better transportation access, improved services with new technologies, and room to grow in the future.

Besides the medical advantages of a new facility, from a community support standpoint, the significant amount of construction jobs that will be available during this major construction project will improve the local economy.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Randall Lay

300 South 10th Street

Belleville, Il 62220

Randall Lay

November 16, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East my whole life. I currently reside in St. Libory which is about 30 minutes away from Belleville. It is very important to me to see this region continue to grow and to advance access to healthcare locally.

I am an employee of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I have worked at St. Elizabeth's for 5 years in the Accounting Department. I was also born at St. Elizabeth's.

I feel that the O'Fallon replacement hospital will greatly benefit myself and my community. The replacement hospital will be located in a great location that is just as easily accessible to me and my community as it is currently in Belleville. A new facility will provide this region with enhanced technology and therefore will be better placed to continue to grow and provide even more services to the area.

It has been great to see how much St. Elizabeth's has grown by providing new services and has improved quality of care in numerous ways over the years since I began my employment. It is imperative that St. Elizabeth's build a replacement facility in order to ensure continuity of our mission to provide even better region leading healthcare to all.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Sandheinrich

865 Sparta Street

St. Libory, Illinois 62282

Michelle Landheinrich

November 16, 2014

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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 am a member of the US Air Force and I work at Scott AFB. My wife and I have decided to make O'Fallon our final home and retire in this great community. We are excited to have this soon to be state of the art facility as our primary care provider for our future.

Additionally, my wife is a Nurse Manager at St. Elizabeth's and is also excited to be part of the transition and working in a state of the art facility. No doubt that we enthusiastically support the new St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The enhanced access from the new location will be important for our military that don't live in downtown Belleville, so getting care will be that much more convenient for me and my family. Along with that, this will cut 20 minutes of commute each way for my wife with the new location.

Additionally, she is excited to have a facility that will be ready to support the community for decades to come vice having to bandaid the existing outdated facilities and technology currently at St. Elizabeth's.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Mallets

1101 Hollander Ct

O'Fallon, Il 62269

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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 Shiloh, IL for the last 6 years. Previous to my employment at St. Elizabeth's I can honestly say that St. Elizabeth's was not my first choice for health services due to the antiquated facility. Knowing now what I know about the staff this makes me sad knowing how many people do not choose St. Elizabeth for the same reasons and go across the river to MO. The state of the facility is not a reflection of the staff and services offered and I wish that more people could know that. Having a facility that not only represents the wonderful care that can be received in IL, but can assist the staff in giving state of the art health care to the families of the metro east will be amazing!

I began my relationship with St. Elizabeth's during my nursing school clinical's. Having the opportunity to see the staff and the outstanding work they do made my choice to join the St. Elizabeth team an easy one. This

Having the replacement hospital at the corner of 64 and Greenmount will be invaluable to the residents of the metro east. Many families do not feel safe going to Belleville, the crime is on the rise and many nights I do not feel safe walking to my car. I am lucky to have security to help me if I don't feel safe, but why would a patient choose to come to an area that at times is not safe? Many families coming from the Clinton county area can just as easily go across the river, however would they pass a state of the art hospital directly, to go across the river? I think not in many cases! The residents of IL need to know that they can receive quality healthcare right here in IL and there is no need to go to MO.

Many people may say well Memorial is building a facility in Shiloh as well. However, I have received care at Memorial and the care was substandard. I as well completed clinical's at Memorial during nursing school and I easily preferred he care given at St. Elizabeth's.

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,

Mrs. Rebecca Ross

1713 Beck Lane #3

Shiloh, Illinois 62269

November 16, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am currently an employee of St. Elizabeth's hospital and a military wife who just returned to the community just over a year ago.

I am a nurse and manager of the Endoscopy Unit.

The current size of our hospital makes it difficult for our patients, visitors and staff. I have seen patients and visitors struggling to get from the parking garage to registration or to get to their loved ones in the nursing units. I am PROUD to share that when ANY staff member sees a need they stop what they are doing to assist. I have personally searched out wheelchairs to transport visitors and patients who physically can't walk the distance. I also watch my staff work harder because of the distance from the area we admit and recover our patients to the unit we perform their procedures. Nurses work hard every single day without adding an extra burden to the challenges they already face. A smaller and more efficient hospital will allow us to take better care of our community and staff.

As a manager I want to offer our community the best service lines possible. As a member of the team who has been a part of the planning committee for our unit in the proposed hospital, I see the state of the art systems that will greatly enhance what we can provide to our patients. This new facility and equipment will only help to bring the best and brightest doctors from the region to practice at our new facility.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Mallets

1101 Hollander Ct

OFallon, IL 62269

Lisa Mallett

November 16, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in Belleville my entire life, and I now support the community as a Registered Nurse.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's, and my family and I have patronized St. Elizabeth's both as patients and as emloyees. I currently work in the Intensive Care Unit, but I have worked here in multiple roles for the last 10 years.

I feel that the replacement hospital will allow our mission of Care, Competancy, and Joy to reach even farther. I feel that this facility will centralize care for the region, and offer more services that will promote health care in Southern Illinois. Our current facility has given all that it can, and now is limited in growth and fuctionality. How can we give optimal care in this limited environment?

The O'fallon location provides easier access for care, away from all the one-way streets and the never-ending parades. It also allows for growth and developement of services to better serve an entire region, not just a single client base in Belleville. Major highways will decrease city congestion and allow for faster response. It will help SAVE LIVES, and I fully support this because this is also my duty as a nurse.

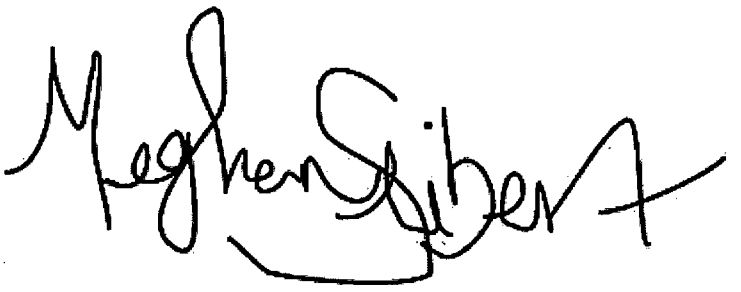
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Meghan Seibert

119 W.Main St.

Belleville, IL 62220



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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 this region of Illinois since 1985 and have seen a tremendous growth in our population. We need a facility that can meet the healthcare needs of this region keeping pace with healthcare demands into the future.

I am an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and we believe in excellent healthcare for the people in our neighborhoods and communities of Southern Illinois. We will all benefit from a modern hospital which can keep pace with the changing demands of technology in healthcare. A new facility will attract professionals in medicine to our communities.

Having a hospital with quick access off a major interstate highway is not a new idea, but has been lacking in this area since I have lived here. We need this now!

O'Fallon is a forward thinking community and has access to many hotels, restaurants, schools and shopping. Having a modern hospital, which is more conducive to technological advances of today will attract more physicians to this area which is desperately needed.

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,

Ms. Deborah F. Vogel

510 Shamrock Drive

O'Fallon, IL 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Ofallon area for over 30 years.

I have been admitted for surgical procedures during this time.

This replacement hospital will make it easier to use the hospital in the future.

I think having St Elizabeths Hospital will be good for Ofallon.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Yahl

403 N Cherry St

Ofallon, IL 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My husband and I have lived in O'Fallon for 5 years now. I work in Collinsville as a teacher. My husband works at Scott Air Force Base.

My great-grandmother stayed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital when she was ill. They were WONDERFUL to her.

If the hospital was moved to its new location, she would've just been right down the road from me. I could've visited her quite frequently (instead of taking 20-25 minutes to get there like I had to throughout her stay). She would've also had her own private room. I think she would've like that.

I also feel strongly about moving the hospital to O'Fallon because I feel more people should have access to this wonderful facility.

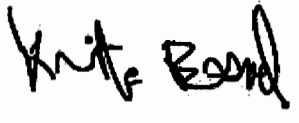
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Krista Basuel

315 Amhurst Drive

O Fallon, IL 62269



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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 Belleville area for more than 40 years and have practiced law in the area for almost 20 years.

As a little girl I was a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, so I was thrilled when St. Elizabeth's Hospital asked me to join their Friends of St. Elizabeth's Hospital Board.

The new hospital will be a better location for all residents in the County and throughout Southern Illinois. Due to the location off of I-64, it will be easier for residents to find and access throughout the county and Southern Illinois.

Most importantly, I believe that if St. Elizabeth's Hospital has made a business decision that they believe is in the best interest of serving their patients and providing the quality care needed, then I support their decision and their right to make that business decision. Others believe that a non-profit should be treated differently, but a non-profit to stay in existence must also make sound business decisions. A non-profit cannot continue to sustain losses without a source of revenue to offset those losses. Perhaps by providing state-of-the-art care that will attract more paying patients with insurance to the hospital without crossing the River, will provide the revenue to continue the mission to serve those that are unable to pay. The HSHS system has spent several years planning this new replacement hospital and analyzing the manner to best provide services to its patients and the community while fulfilling its mission. It has looked at the need for the hospital, distance of travel of the patients, public transportation routes for the patients, medical treatment, state-of-the-art facilities and upgrades to name a few. In addition, I understand that they have several other facilities in Southern Illinois that with the new location off of I-64 will provide synergies for them to continue their mission not only in St. Clair County, but throughout Southern Illinois.

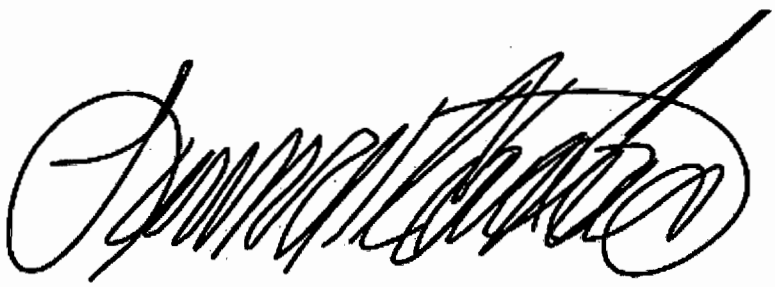
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lorraine Cavataio

475 Regency Park, Suite 175

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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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 Belleville my entire life, which is 47 years. I am a nurse at St. Elizabeth's.

I was born at and had all three of my children at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I volunteered while in high school there then was hired on in 1986 as a nurse aide while going to nursing school. I graduated in 1989 then continued on to get my BSN thanks to McKendree teaming with St. Elizabeth's and bringing classes to the hospital campus. I have been on OB for almost 26 years. I absolutely love my job but attribute a lot of that love due to the excellent team of nurses I work with.

I truly believe our excellent staff is a big part of why patients choose to deliver at St. Elizabeth's. We, however, cannot compete aesthetically to other OB departments at other hospitals. Our floor is very outdated and the rooms are too small. Even giving a facelift to the department will not be enough to bring in the patients. Many of our patients are young and want to deliver in a beautiful facility, unfortunately, not giving the staff the credit but the looks of the department supercedes the care. So with a new facility we will not only have the excellent staff but the newer technology and beautiful department necessary to keep baby business booming.

I also support the move because we are landlocked and can't expand services. Our current hospital is just too old. From what I understand, the power bills are outrageous. The elevators break down a lot and wig the age of the hospital, it takes awhile to get the parts. The location of the new hospital is very accessible to all areas.

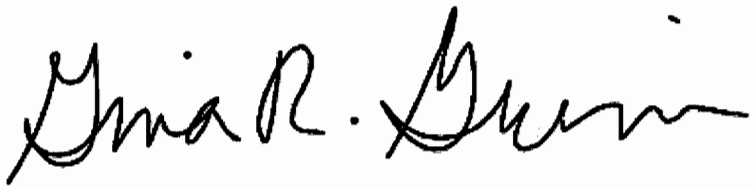
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gina Guinn

252 Egret Ct.

Belleville, IL 62223



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am currently an ICU RN at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I worked there from 1998-2001, left for 11 years to go across the river to Barnes Jewish Hospital, and returned in 2012 to what I consider

I obviously have a very personal connection with St. Elizabeth's professionally, but I also have a personal connection. My father has had 2 open heart surgeries. One at St. Elizabeth's and one at Barnes Jewish. He would far-and-away choose St. Elizabeth's care. I am very proud of that.

As I stated before, the underserved rural population has much to gain from the replacement hospital's location. The downtown Belleville area will still have a choice of locales to go to for healthcare, all within a few miles of them, but the residents without this convenience for so many decades now will benefit so much more than the residents of Belleville will be inconvenienced.

The employees of St. Elizabeth's are very much looking forward to taking healthcare into the next era. It is sometimes frustrating not being able to care for patients in the ways that we know are possible. We would sincerely appreciate the chance to show what we've got.

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,

Mrs. Marla Carpizo

3522 Harbor Way

Shiloh, Illinois 62221

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I was born and raised in Belleville, IL and am a unit secretary in the Critical Care Unit of St. Elizabeth's.

My three sisters and I were born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. My father's life was saved by the staff of the Emergency Room and the Critical Care Unit when he suffered a ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. I was recently hospitalized and spent time on both the telemetry and medical units. My family and I have nothing but good things to say about the excellent care, compassion, and professionalism of the staff.

The technology of health care has changed drastically since the current building was completed better than half a century ago. In the Critical Care Unit alone there have been electrical panels placed on most of the walls to meet the demands of new equipment. It is a challenge to find a place for code carts, isolation carts, and other equipment while meeting the requirements of the Joint Commission as well as fire codes. The average weight of a patient is greater than it was in the 1950's, which requires larger beds. It is a challenge to fit the larger beds through doorways and into elevators in the current facility. In the CCU when we have to take a patient to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, we must shorten the bed for it to fit into the elevator. Often a patient returning to the CCU is in critical condition with multiple infusion pumps, oxygen, an intra-aortic balloon pump, and at least 2 nurses that must fit into that already too small elevator. I am always amazed at the level of care and compassion the nurses are able to deliver under those stressful circumstances. Their job is difficult enough without trying to meet the logistics of an elevator that is too small.

As both an employee and a patient of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I am excited about the availability of a state of the art medical facility just a few miles from my home. The new location will allow more people in the Metro East access to state of the art care.

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,

Mrs. Robin Ballenger

4710 Walter Street

Belleville, IL 62226

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My wife and I have lived in Clinton County since birth. Our families including elderly parents also reside nearby.

My parents and my wife's parents have all received emergency cardiac care at St. Elizabeth's. Many of our neighbors, friends, other family members as well as my wife and I have also received care at St. Elizabeth's.

The trip to the Belleville location is time-consuming. It actually takes less time to get to St. Louis hospitals. We choose to use St. Elizabeth's because the hospital provides jobs for many in the area and our health care dollars stay in Illinois. I'm concerned that as our parents age, they will continue to need urgent care. I don't want to see St. Elizabeth's fail at the existing location and would love to see the facility closer to the patients in our county that support St. Elizabeth's and Illinois.

The cardiac service has always been great, but there are other technologies that I would like to see thrive at the new facility. As a patient you can feel the age of the building. Even though the patient bathrooms are very clean, the age is definitely apparent. Technology has to be a challenge as well.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Schnieder

868 North 10th Street

Breese, Illinois (IL) 62230

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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 was born and raised in Collinsville, Illinois and have remained in the Metro East region since.

I was born at the hospital and my parents have been patients on several occasions. In June 2012, my father was taken to a different area hospital when he had his heart attack. The next day, we transferred him to St. Elizabeth's for the excellent cardiac care the hospital is known for.

Had the hospital been in O'Fallon at that time, it would have made the drive much shorter for the family to see my father while he was in the hospital for over a week.

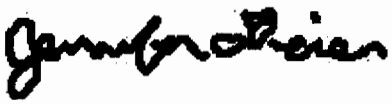
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Deien

116 E 5th Street

Trenton, IL 62293



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the community for 9 years and have been an employee of St Elizabeth for the entire 9 years.

Not only have I been an employee but also a patient at St. Elizabeth's.

I feel the new location of the hospital will help us to help many other people in the community. It will have much better access for more people to get to our facility than we do now. The newer technology we could have in a new hospital will help to provide much better care for patients.

What we all want is whats best for the community. I believe a new hospital for St Elizabeth would be very beneficial for the entire community.

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,

Mrs. Dawn Kunde

209 Sundew Dr

Belleville, IL 62221

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a Southern Illinois resident and a current colleague of Hospital Sisters Health System.

I am an employee of Hospital Sisters Health System. I also have all my and my families health care needs addressed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital

The current hospital is out of date and requires much maintenance and repair. The cost of revitalizing the old building far exceeds the costs of building a new facility on seven miles from it's current location.

Patients and family members will receive State of Art care without having to travel to the St. Louis area.

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,

Mrs. Kimberly Wittenborn

311 Poplar Street

Coulterville, Illinois 62237

Kim Wittenborn

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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 was born and raised in the metro east area.

I recently returned to the area to work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Growing up in the northern metro east area, our options for health care were limited and often meant crossing the bridge into St. Louis. For those of us north and east of the Belleville area, there is limited ready access to quality hospital facilities. A replacement hospital in the O'Fallon area would be accessible to the northern population and would truly augment a regional health service approach in that area.

Having recently lived in an area out of state which underwent similar controversy over the replacement of an aging facility, I have seen first-hand the improvement in care and quality that comes with a new facility. I have also seen that, rather than the predicted abandoned eyesore of a hospital being left behind, the aging facility was replaced with community health services, senior living facilities, and is more utilized and functional than ever. I am confident the case would be the same here. For that reason, I am in complete support of this project.

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,

Ms. Lia Hanson

2709 Cabin Creek Court

Edwardsville, IL 62025

Lin M Hanson

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East my entire life. I have been involved in education for over 43 years. Twenty-three as a teacher and twenty as a building principal. I have worked both in O'Fallon and Belleville schools.

My mother and my two sister have and are at this time employees of Sr. Elizabeth Hospital. My whole family have at various times made use of the services of the hospital.

The O'Fallon location, due to the proximity of the interstate would be a much more useable and accessible location. The new location is also readily served by public transportation.

The new facility would much better serve the entire Metro East in the proposed O'Fallon location.

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,

Mr. Dennis Grimmer

30 Ravenwood Circle

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Belleville for 29 years. I am retired for now.

I as well as many friends and family have been patients at St Elizabths. The staff and facility has always been a good experience ,I do realize it is time to trying to fix issues with the building and start a new and improved facility to benefit the entire surrounding communities though.

It will be a better location as I live in Belleville but it will take me one half the time to get to the new hospital verses the maze of one way streets and traffic lights downtown Belleville has turned into over the years.

I know they will have state of the art equipment wich means earlier diagnosis and saving of lives.

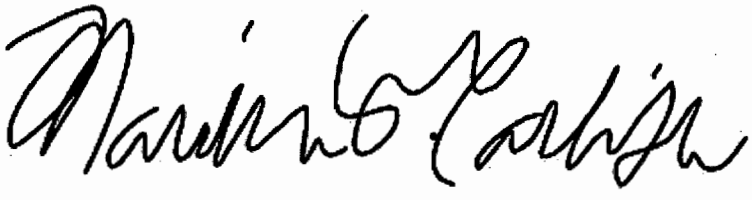
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Marilou Carlisle

41 Innsbruck Lane

Belleville i, Il 62221



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the area my entire life and currently work at St Elizabeth's hospital.

I was born at St Elizabeth's hospital in 1985, had a cholecystectomy here, and have had many family members become patients and receive excellent care at this facility. I recommend the hospital services to anyone that is looking for specialty care that we offer and especially to those that are looking for cardiac services.

I think in regards to location, better technology, and a better layout of the hospital, the services offered and received can only get better.

Currently the hospital is landlocked, meaning the only way to expand for more services is to build up. This can only go on for so long before we run out of space completely. The hospital is also unable to make ease of access for heart patients that need to be dealt with immediately. Currently the ER is on the second floor, but if a patient needs heart surgery, they will have to be transported quickly to another floor which could be a difference maker when it comes to long-term side effects. With a new hospital, these can all be considered and the set-up could be more conducive to these types of instances.

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,

Mrs. Melissa Oberlender

621 13th street

Highland, Illinois 62249

Melissa Oberlender

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I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East all my life. I work at St. Elizabeths hospital.

We have had multiple family members treated at the facility, including my in laws that recieved great care following a serious auto accident.

The Ofallon replacement facility would greatly help the community as it will have advanced technological improvements and the current facility is very old and requires lots of money to upkeep.

There is huge population growth in the Ofallon area and the facility would be right off the interstate, making it a much more logical location for a major medical institute.

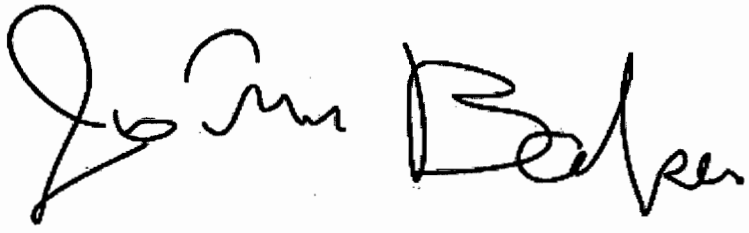
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jo Baker

106 Woods End

Collinsville, il 62234



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East since 1978. I worked for years at Ofallon EMS as a paramedic and now at Best Buy.

I have watched the Ofallon area grow quickly and Belleville has stagnated. My parents received great care at the facility following a serious accident.

The Ofallon location is much better for the area, being in the fastest growing town in the area, Ofallon, and on the interstate for easy access to others in the area. Also, the facility in Belleville is very old and requires costly investments to keep it running.

The Metro East deserves this facility.

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,

Mr. Kenneth Baker

106 Woods End

Collinsville, il 62234

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived the the Metro East since 1969

My 3 children were born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and over the years have received treatment there numerous times with outstanding care.

We live in O'Fallon and the location of the hospital will greatly benefit this community, since driving to Belleville in times of emergencies loses critical time.

The new hospital will provide state of the art facilities and equipment.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Holland

1315 Conrad Ln

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Brian Holland

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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I have been a resident of the St. Louis metropolitan area for twenty years.

I have had the pleasure of working at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the past two years and am in charge of the Quality Department. While we have made great strides in improving our quality, there are significant barriers and limitations, due to the infrastructure of our outdated building.

The replacement project proposed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital to move to a Regional Health Care Center will help to ensure that residents of St. Clair County have access to state of the art healthcare deserved by all. Additionally, this project will help to ensure that St. Elizabeth's Hospital remains viable for another 140 years.

I currently reside in St. Louis and moving the Hospital will add additional time to my commute. However, I still support the move for the reasons enumerated above as well as for the benefit of the entire community.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Chellie Butel

2884 Fox Meadow Lane

Arnold, MO 63010

Chellie Butel

November 17, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have live in this area all of my life.

i have been a patient at St Elizabeth and received excellent care.

The new hospital will give the community more advanced technology. If we have more advanced technology we will not have to travel to St. Louis Mo.

i have problems driving and I hate having to inconvience others to take me to St. Louis for special treatments.

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,

Ms. Yvette Petty

5603 Bond Ave

Alorton, illinois 62207

November 17, 2014

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Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I moved to the area specifically to participate in the RN Residency at Saint Elizabeth's. I currently work in the ICU.

Saint Elizabeth's is where my nursing career began, and a new hospital is needed to bring the care for our patients and opportunities for medical staff provided by this hospital up to date. It is not a want, it is certainly a need, to continue caring for patients and educating medical professionals.

Enhanced technology and updated room layouts will allow us to provide better care and obtain better patient satisfaction. For example, currently in the ICU, our sinks are located in the back of patient rooms. This increases the transmission of disease, especially antibiotic resistant organisms, despite proper isolation and hand hygiene. Our rooms are too small to allow family to stay with patients in the ICU without interferring with patient care. This is important for satisfaction and the well being of patients and their families. Our beds also do not fit in our elevators without shortening them completely (even if our patient is very tall!). This is an issue especially with our vented patients because two nurses, a respiratory therapist, a ventilator, the bed, and an IV pole all must fit in a tiny elevator. It is a struggle to bring them to CT scan and MRI. We manage to care for our patient well at this location, but we could do so much better.

This is a teaching hospital. Lets give future nurses, doctors, and respiratory therapists the best equipment and environment to learn! I want to provide the best care possible to our patients. A new hospital will allow this for them. They are not being abandoned. They are getting the opportunity to go to a new and improved location for their care.

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,

Ms. Samantha McAninch

303 Dogwood Lane

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

November 18, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Belleville IL for 30 years. I curently work as an RN in the ICU. I have had this position for 5 years.

I have famly members that have been patients at St Elizabeths. My mother received a cardiac sent per DR Mood. I bring my family and friends to St Elizabeths because the hospital cares. From Dr to RN to Food staff people are vested and care. The hand of GOD is felt here.

I work in the ICU at St Elizabeths and we deal with the most critical of patients. We NEED a new hospital to keep up with technology and our population. I have had multiple times where I have a a patent/ 5 IV pumps and a balloon pump for example. Our current elevators do not accomodate our newest technology without it being a puzzle tying to get it aall to fit. It is not good or safe for critical situations.

We need to be ready for another 100 years of service to the community and this will not be acomplished in our outdated run down facilty. Some of the bariactric beds don't fit through doorways to patients rooms without much effort and time. Resources are being wasted dealing with an inefficient facility.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sara Weber

300 Lake Poine CT

Freeburg, IL 62243

November 18, 2014

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Administrator
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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 Collinsville Illinois for over 20 years. I am excited about the new location and services this project will bring to the region.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth both as an outpatient as well as hospitalized there. As well I have brought my children to this hospital for care including one daughter who was hospitalized. They have all been excellent experiences. However the new building and services available as an outcome of the move and new building will bring even greater care as an outcome.

The new location will bring choices to the region that were previously restricted by distance from my community to St Elizabeth. Visibility in the new location will make it easier to access for people traveling thru the area as well. The new equipment and space will offer better treatment and care options for the area.

Currently St Elizabeth Hospital treats a variety of populations including the poor and indigent in this region. However by moving to a new and improved building those services can be expanded while continuing to be available to those citizens not only in Belleville but all of the surrounding area. The citizens from a more southern area may have to travel a very few miles further to access care but the new technology and equipment available as a result of those few extra miles traveled I feel is well worth the trip.

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,

Ms. Rita Gassmann

10 Rulewood Court

Collinsville , Il 62234

Rita Gasomann

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Administrator
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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 here for about 7 years. I have been working at St. Elizabeth's hospital for about 4 years.

I work at St. Elizabeth's hospital. My had to use the emergency room when I fell off my roof. I received excellent fast care and was returned home in just a few hours.

With the new location patients will have faster access to care. We will be upgrading to the latest advances in equipment, especially our cardiac services.

I feel that it is a great move in the advancement of health care in our area. It also has the possibility for expansion as needs grow. We do not have that possibility to expand in our current location.

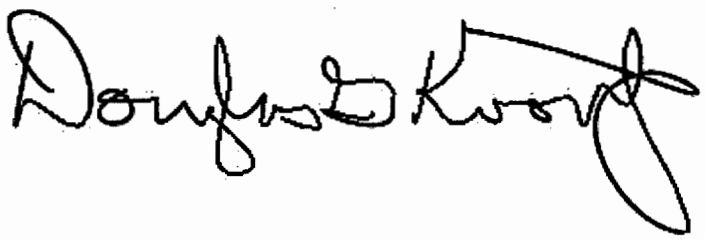
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Douglas Koontz

1232 Shiloh Station Road

Belleville, Illinois 62221



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I am a lifelong resident of the Metro East where I have been employed within the healthcare field as a caretaker as well as an instructor with Southwestern Illinois College for the past six years. My students have been have been fortunate to have the experience of practicing their clinicals at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

My Father and Mother have both been patients at this hospital. The caring nature from outpatient services as well as the ICU have all been number one when my parents were both patients' at St. E's.

The location is such a benefit for myself whereas the location in Belleville is quite the task!

The enhanced healthcare services provided at St. Elizabeth's Hospital will be expanded with a new facility.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Debra Schomaker

505 Marilyn Dr

New Baden, IL 62265

November 18, 2014

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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.

My husband and I have lived in O'Fallon since 1970 where we have raised our two sons who are now, also, raising their young families in O'Fallon.

Throughout the years, we have relied on the services of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for acute as well as routine medical care.

As we age and address ongoing critical health issues, certainly having the O'Fallon replacement hospital in closire, more convenient proximity will be a significant aid to us.

My husband and I are united in the belief that this project is a sound moral as well as fiscal opportunity to benefit the largest number of southern Illinois citizens.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Myrna True

916 Indian Springs Road

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Myrna True

November 18, 2014

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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 the past three years. I am a graduate nursing student at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and have had the pleasure of doing a clinical rotation at St. Elizabeth's.

My mother has been an employee of HSHS for over twenty years. My primary care physician is affiliated with St. Elizabeth's, and I have made use of St. Elizabeth's convenient Urgent Care on several occasions.

I believe that the O'Fallon replacement hospital will greatly benefit the Metro East community.

The new hospital will provide increased access to quality health care and new technologies.

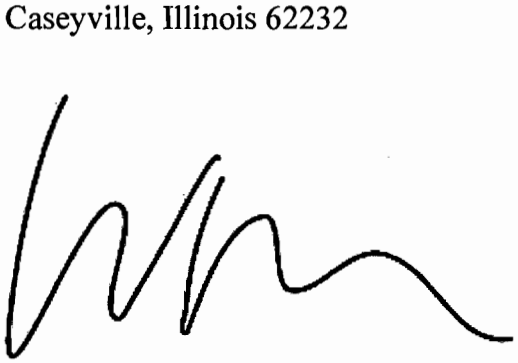
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Whitney Heischmidt

447 S. 4th St.

Caseyville, Illinois 62232



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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 for 18 years.

I have been an Emergency Room physician at St. Elizabeth's for 10 years.

I am looking forward to an updated facility to better practice and compete with other hospitals.

A new hospital could serve a large number of patients in new areas.

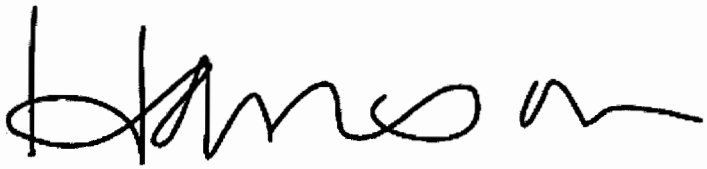
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Hanson

938 McPherson Ave.

Alton , Il 62002



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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 for 29 years.

I am an employee of the Southern Illinois Division of HSHS and I utilize St. Elizabeth's for all of my healthcare needs.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit me and the entire Metro East by providing easy access to advanced technology and attracting top doctors and specialists to the area.

I believe that having a state of the art full service facility, easily accessible from the interstate, will reduce the out-migration of area residents to Missouri hospitals.

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,

Mrs. Jean Lynd

116 Adam Drive

Swansea, Illinois 62226

Jean Lynd

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Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have lived in the Shiloh area for 13 years. I work for Professional Therapy Services in Belleville, IL. We staff the therapy departments at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Besides working at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I chose St. Elizabeth's Hospital for my own care. I have been a patient several times for myself and family.

The plans to build a replacement hospital are very exciting. The downtown hospital is very difficult to get to from the Interstate 64. It is often easier for people to travel to St. Louis for their care than to find their way to downtown Belleville. Growing up in a small town northeast of Belleville, it was rare to go to Belleville but often we traveled Interstate 64 to utilize services near the Interstate exits. Being closer to the interstate, the hospital will give easier and quicker access to more patients in those emergency situations.

The hospital definitely needs updating with the newest technology. The hospital is always in the process of updating the current building but it still is an old building.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Karban

2716 Meridian Lake Dr

Belleville, IL 62221

Sarah Karban

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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 am a life long resident of Southern Illinois, and have had a fulfilling career working in health care.

Over the years, my family and I have used St. Elizabeth's for our health care needs. My child was born there, and when my husband was having a heart attack, the emergency department and cardiac cath team saved him.

Having a new, modern, technology enhanced facility will enable St. Elizabeth's to continue serving Southern Illinois patient's on this side of the river, closer to our friends and family.

Also,the current hospital has very small bathrooms which make them difficult to use when attached to IV pole or using walkers. A new hospital built to meet such a basic human need can make even a short stay seem more comfortable

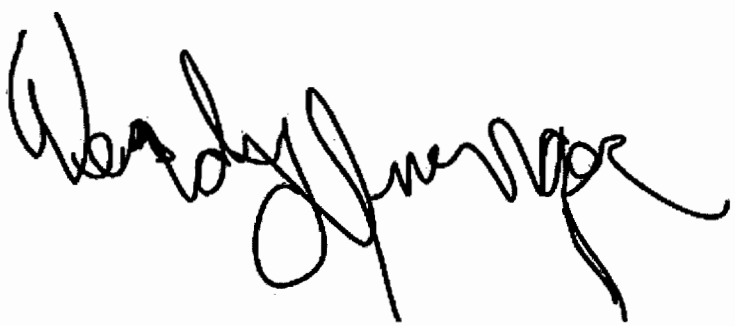
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Wendy Juenger

626 James Street

Waterloo, Illinois 62298



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East for almost 10 years. I had previously been a stay at home mom but now work at St. Elizabeth's for almost 3 years as an RN.

My husband and I have received multiple services from St. Elizabeth's prior to and during my employment and feel that the staff are friendly and attentive to our needs.

I am thrilled to have a closer location for my personal commute, closer services, and St. Elizabeth's ability to reach and provide care to the majority of our patient population. The MetroEast deserves to receive convienant, easy access to A top notch regional medical facility.

Th e community deserves access to quality services. A facility that encompasses and supports the demands of new technology and changing medicine of the 21st century.

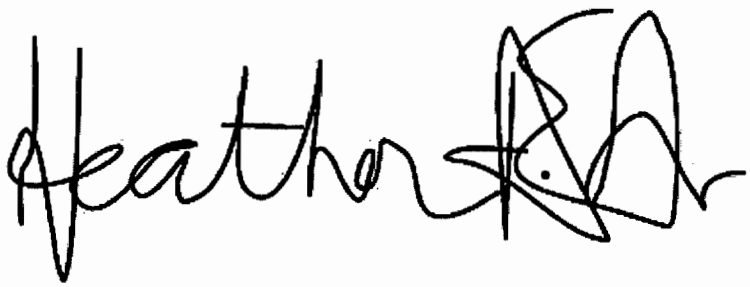
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heather Eherenman

1214 Harvey Ln

New Baden, Illinois 62265



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in O'Fallon Il. for 17 years. I work for the Veterans Benefits Administration

Both my Wife and I have been patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Although the Hospital's treatment are excellent, the facilities are obviously aging. The Hospital is also difficult to access quickly because of its downtown location and lack of proximity to any of our main traffic arteries.

The proposed facility will be located near our E/W expressway (Hwy 64) as well as a major N/S artery (Green Mount Road).which should speed access from most areas within the Metro East. The significantly larger area of the proposed site should also allow modernization and expansion which would be nearly impossible at the Hospital's present location.

Having been a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital, I can see that it is seriously in need of modernization, but I cannot see how that could be carried out in it's present landlocked location(I think I heard it's only 18 acres)without serious service disruptions and probably greater expense than building a new facility.

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,

Mr. Seymour Rider

324 Agnes Dr

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

Seymour Rider

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived and worked in the Metro East area for the last 10 years.

The hospital provides vitally needed care and with the new hospital they will be able to serve the growing area.

The new location will make it easier for everyone in the area to get prompt care as well as the updated facility will make that care even faster.

While some feel its bad for the area for the hospital to move to its new location, the fact that most of the hospitals patients now reside closer to the O'Fallon area means that this will service the area better and be more convenient for the greater public.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Foreman

19 PEAR TREE LN

Glen Carbon, IL 62034

November 18, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Maryville, Illinois for ten months. I also grew up in Granite City, Illinois, and attended college in Edwardsville, Illinois.

I currently work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and previously worked for the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System. I have also been a patient in the Emergency Department at St. Elizabeth's Hospital on several occasions. The ED team provided excellent care to me after I was involved in a car accident several years ago. They also provided great care when I was having back problems last year.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit my community of Maryville, along with myself, by providing easier access to quality healthcare in our region. Rather than having to drive Highway 159 through many stoplights and stop signs to get to the hospital, Maryville residents will be able to cut their travel time on 159 in half by accessing Interstate 64 near Fairview Heights. The new facility will also provide the opportunity to use state of the art technology to provide the most current medical interventions.

I also support St. Elizabeth's Hospital's relocation as it will help keep patients in Illinois who may otherwise utilize facilities across the river in Missouri due to access issues to current Illinois full service hospitals.

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,

Mrs. Jamie Wilke

100 Ridge Drive

Maryville, Illinois 62062

Jamie Wilke

November 18, 2014

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Administrator
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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 been a lifelong resident of Highland, Illinois and recently moved to Maryville, Illinois about 10 months ago. I work as an Assistant State's Attorney for Madison County in Edwardsville, Illinois.

I have utilized HSHS facilities for healthcare throughout my life. My primary care physician is an HSHS physician who practices at HSHS hospitals. I would utilize St. Elizabeth's Hospital if it were relocated to O'Fallon, Illinois.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit the Metro-East region by providing state of the art healthcare in an area that is otherwise lacking such facilities. The O'Fallon location will provide services that I currently might otherwise be inclined to seek out at a Missouri hospital.

I also support the project because it will provide more opportunities to recruit quality physicians, nurses and medical staff into our region.

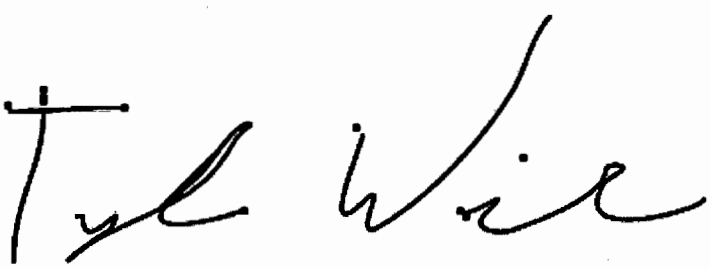
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tyler Wilke

100 Ridge Drive

Maryville, Illinois 62062



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area for close to 30 years. I currently works as a social worker at St. Elizabeth's.

My family has a long history with St. Elizabeth's; my mother and her siblings were all born at St. Elizabeth's, and my grandmother continued to receive care at the hospital until she left the region. I have been treated through the ED and other outpatient services, receiving excellent care throughout.

As an employee of the hospital, I can say that a replacement hospital would benefit not only the employees, but the community as a whole. While we are able to care in our current facility, as technology and medicine continue to advance, we continue to outgrow the capabilities of our current building.

Being able to provide state of the art care, along with the excellent human component already in place, will only further service the community and the mission as set forth by the organization. By re-centering the facility, St. Elizabeth's will also be able to reach to further communities that previously could not be treated.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie Pegg

6308 Sutherland

St Louis, MO 63109

November 18, 2014

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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 my whole life and grew up in a small town East of O'Fallon. I work in St. Louis now, but all my family lives back home and O'Fallon would be much easier location for them to visit, as they continue to use St. Elizabeth's for their healthcare needs.

Many of my family members and I myself have been patients at St. Elizabeth's hospital. We have all received great treatment and care, both as patients and as family visiting.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit my family by providing them easier access to healthcare based on the more central location. Also, it will make it easier on my family to attend appointments with my aging grandparents. Further, enhanced technology will continue to help improve our health and lead to less invasive procedures.

The O'Fallon location would provide my family with significantly better access to healthcare, and it is comforting knowing that my family can access emergency care more efficiently.

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,

Ms. Hayley Schnieder

868 N. 10th Street

Breese, IL 62230

November 19, 2014

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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 and worked in and around the metro east all my life.

Family members and myself in the cardiac rehab center.

Better technology, doctors. We are in need of a top hospital in the area.

Local jobs and save the trip across the river.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Castello Sr. Tom

27 Pecan Lane

Belleville, IL 62223

November 19, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in or lived near the Metro East my whole life. Have done many work including military duty near or in the Metro East.

Family members have been St. Elizabeth's patients before.

It will benefit the community and surrounding community with better access to enhanced technology and great medical support and care.

With the move St. Elizabeth hospital would be able to better care for the patients with more space, better technology along with outstanding staff.

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,

Mr. Christopher Wallace

4980 Barnes Lane

Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Chris Wallace

November 19, 2014

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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 area my entire life and currently work in Granite City, IL.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital has made a great impact on my family and friends over the past years. Many members of my family have been treated and cared for at their facility in Belleville.

Building a new hospital with the latest and greatest technology available, in an area that can be accessed quicker by a major interstate needed and will benefit the people of the Metro East greatly.

The St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville is struggling to keep up with the fast moving technology in the medical field. Having a major hospital, like the proposed St. Elizabeth's Hospital, on the Illinois side of river will give us a better, closer option for major medical needs when every minute counts.

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,

Mr. David Beard

6460 Boehne Dr

Waterloo, Illinois 62298

David Beard

November 19, 2014

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 am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived all my live in the Metro East area. I am a pipefitter that works in the area that this hospital will be built. I believe that this will be a great improvement to this region and give the people a new updated hospital on the Illinois side of the river.

I have had family that has been treated at this hospital.

The new location of this hospital will be better suited for me to reach as well as the family members that go there for treatment.

This project will bring many need jobs to this area. Not only permanent health care but also temporary construction work.

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,

Mr. Scott Colley

315 South Irene

Staunton, IL 62088

Scott Colley

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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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 here for 13 years and support the building of this hospital.

I hope to be able to work on the construction of the hospital.

I feel this would help the community greatly.

This hospital would provide many needed jobs for the area.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Deck

219 Hickory St.

Edwardsville, Il 62025

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the area for 5+ years and have several customers and friends that would greatly benefit from the increase in work and increase in medical aide in the area.

I am connect through friends and family in the area that would benefit from the increase in medical assistance available.

The O'Fallon location will be a much better location for the hospital as it will give an increase ease of access as well as increasing the medical assistance available by offering up to date medical technology to care for friends and family.

I support this project for the further medical aide it brings as well as the increase in jobs and local revenue it will add during construction and operation of the hospital. New construction is good for the community and keeps the community thriving and growing.

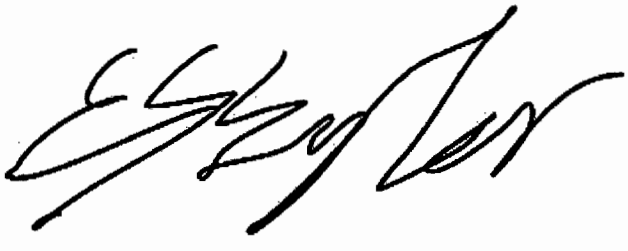
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Eyler

230 Oakborough Dr

Lake St. Louis, MO 63367



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area my entire life (50 years). I live in Illinois although I work in St. Louis. Almost all of my immediate family live on the Illinois side of the river.

My mother and step-father have always insisted on going to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for their medical care, but we are always a little weary as the facility seems so out-of-date. I am sure it has to be difficult to constantly upgrade an older building. Therefore, I think it would be WONDERFUL to have a new St. Elizabeth's facility.

Like I stated above, the enhanced technology that will be possible in the new St. Elizabeth's Hospital will be wonderful. In addition, the building of the new facility will bring construction jobs and very likely other new jobs to the area.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Beard

6460 Boehne Drive

Waterloo, IL 62298

Mary Beard

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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 my entire life, and even attended high school in Belleville. I currently work in construction for a contractor based out of the metro east, as well as own numerous properties in the East end of Belleville.

I have had family members receive care at St. Elizabeth's over the years.

Since I have been a part of the community for my entire life, I can tell you that that community's view of the current St. Elizabeth's hospital is below average. It is viewed as out of date and lacking the current technology needed to provide the state of the art care that could be available. Many community members are currently driving across the river for care since the hospitals over there provide the high level of care that we feel is necessary. Many community members feel that moving the location of the hospital will make it harder for residents to receive care, but I feel many residents are currently driving to St. Louis for care. Even though the location will move, having a new state of the art hospital will allow us to receive the level of care patients can receive in St. Louis, right in our back yard. I think it will actually make more residents consider using St. Elizabeth's for services instead of St. Louis. So in summary, high quality care will be more accessible and closer to us than it currently is.

The quality of the hospital is a large determining factor in the quality of doctors working there. I feel a new hospital will bring better quality doctors to the area. I think Belleville needs to get over the politics of tax revenue and ensure that high quality of care is available for all of the metro east residents.

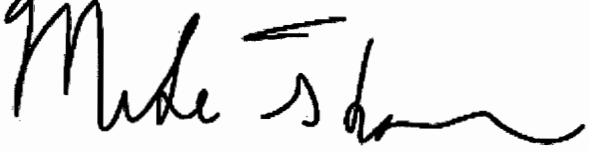
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Thomas

12 Country Lakes Ln

Waterloo, IL 62298



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro east area for the past 44 years. I have worked in the HVAC industry here for the past 20 years.

With working in the Metro East Area, another quality choice in healthcare could greatly help my family.

The new location could help when times of emergency care are needed.

The reputation of this healthcare provider will help the community in junction with the building of a new facility with better healthcare technology in one location.

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,

Mr. Robert Vogel

3614 Gillham

Alton, IL 62002

Robert Vogel

November 19, 2014

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.

My family I have lived and worked in the metro east area for 3 years now. We are very involved in the region and our community.

Our family has been very lucky to never have needed the services of St. Elizabeth's. It is knowing that when the day comes they will be there with the best nurses, doctors and facilities to take care of us.

With the new location, we will have better access to the hospital both for emergency and doctor visits.

The new hospital location will continue the efforts to grow our region and provide new opportunities for business and jobs for the region.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Steve & MaryAnn Faust

41 Eagle Lake Drive W

Columbia, IL 62236

S P Faust

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked in the Metro East area for over 30 years now. I have been employed by several contractor's but right now I work for Icon Mechanical.

Personally I have no connection but I know a lot of people in the area that do.

I think it is always good to have the latest technology in a new updated facility.

I am excited about all the jobs that will be created during the project and the ones once it is built in the Metro East.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Johnny Vavak

132 S Main St.

Wood River, Illinois 62095

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

As a business owner in the metro east area for nearly 20 years, we have many employees that would benefit from a new hospital in the O'fallon area.

We have been a supporter of St. Elizabeth's over the years and feel they are an asset to the metro east community.

Our community could grow with the hospital in a more central location with easy highway access and newer technologies and updated services.

I feel that this is an opportunity for St. Elizabeth's to continue to be one of the best hospitals in the region and offer their services to a growing metro-east community.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Timothy Schaeffer

23 Castle Drive

Florissant, MO 63034

November 19, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

We have worked in the Metro east for over 20 years.

We have family in the Metro East.

A new facility will provide better health care services in a modernized facility that can expand with its patient load.

It will create more jobs.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Leonard Knese

828 N. 16th St.

Saint Louis, MO 63106

November 19, 2014

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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 for the last 10 years. During this time, I have worked for a mechanical engineering company that has been an integral part in the St.Louis/Metro East community.

My company will be a big part in building the new St. Elizabeth's hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois. We look forward to working with Holland and Alberici to make this happen on-time and within budget.

The O'Fallon location will be located right off the highway making this very convenient for visitors. The innovative technology will provide a helping hand to those in need.

The new St. Elizabeth's hospital will also bring more profit to the local businesses around the area.

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,

Ms. Elizabeth Vaughan

2450 Hemlock Ave

Granite City , IL 62040

Eli Vaughan

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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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 for 37 years. I have a family of 6 and would much appreciate having a state of the art hospital to take my family. O'Fallon is an easier location for me to reach as well.

I have had many family members use the services at St. Elizabeth's from giving birth to have bypass surgeory.

The O'Fallon replacement hostpital will give me better access to the hospital and will provide enhanced technology to better server my young family.

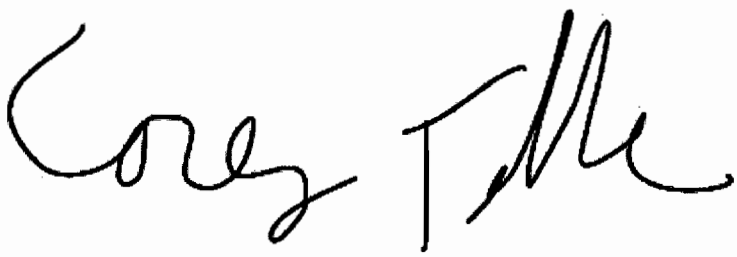
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Tebbe

13978 Oil Field Road

Bartelso, IL 62218



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I currently work at St Elizabeth hospital and the need for a new hospital is greatly needed. There is an abundance of wasted space here.

I am currently employed with St.Elizabeth and my family and I use the hospital facilities when needed.

The enhanced technology will be a great asset to our community.

Keeping up the latest technology will provide the best treatment options for our community.

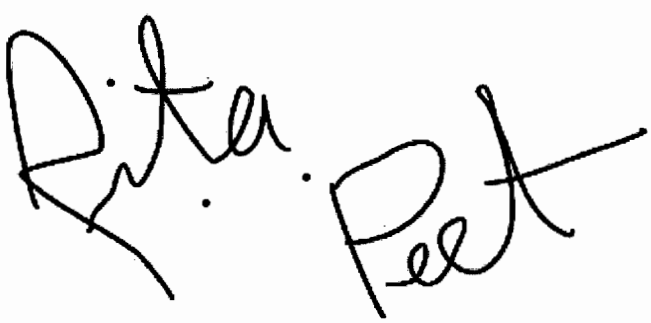
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rita Peet

25 Rockingham Place

Belleville, IL 62223



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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 here all my life. 54 years I work at Bergmann-Roscow Plumbing

Myself and most of my family was born at St. Elizabeth's and all have been patients at one time or another.

I believe the new hospital will provide better access with the new location and enhanced medical treatment.

The new hospital will make the metro east a more competitive and profitable medical area to compete with surrounding regions thus increasing revenue for our area.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Leonard

607 Phil-Kate

Freeburg, IL 62243

David Leonard

November 19, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have worked in the Metro East for the past 25 years. In this 25 years there has not been a hospital built to support this area.

We have a lot of friends in the Metro East that would benefit greatly from a hospital in O'Fallon.

The O'Fallon area will be a perfect location for a new hospital. With the population spreading out into the subburbs this location would be perfect.

We are forcing many of our Metro East residents to travel to St Louis hospitals to find the technology and services we deserve.

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,

Mr. Todd Jeffries

5029 Royal Burgess Dr

St Peters, Missouri 63304

November 19, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the St Louis area for three years. During that time I have worked at icon Mechanical.

Many of my friends have spent time at St Elizabeths for various health conditions and births.

The new facility will provide easier access, updated technology, and will bring St Elizabeth's up to par with the other hospitals in the region.

Ultimately the community will be best served by an updated state of the art hospital that may be a little further out of town.

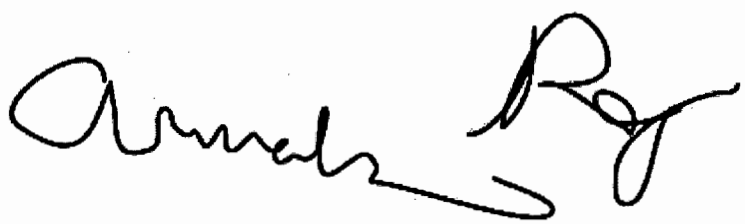
I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Annalise Regan

632 Oakland Ave

Webster Groves, MO 63119



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been a resident of the metro east for over 15 years.

I am an Emergency Physician at St Elizabeth's as well as St Joseph's in Breese and Highland.

As a physician, the improved technology will improve patient care and allow for the recruitment of world class physician talent. The interstate access will save critical minutes when those minutes may save a patient's life.

The current hospital is outdated and the cost of making the needed improvements would be more than the cost of the replacement facility.

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,

Dr. Len Glover

1209 Rutherford Ridge

O Fallon, Illinois 62269

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

As a small business owner in the metro east region, I sincerely hope that the positive economic impact of this project not be lost on the Board.

At a time when middle class jobs are hard to find, a project such as this, which will create jobs for union craftsman, doctors, nurses, and a host of support personnel, must be approved.

In addition to providing good paying jobs, this project will provide a long term investment that will improve the quality of life for its residence for generations to come.

Finally, the central location and access of this project will only enhance the safety of this region.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Frank Howard

124 Tower Plaza

Belleville, IL 62220

Frank M. Howard III

November 19, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a lifelong resident of Belleville.

I am extremely proud to say that I have worked at St. Elizabeth's for 20 years.

Many metropolitan communities have their hospitals located near interstate highways to better serve their population. Its simply easier to access than the current location.

While the current hospital has a lot of sentimental value, I feel the new hospital will be better suited to meet the patients and even employees needs in the future. Its very difficult to keep trying to be compliant with building codes, and rules and regulations being in an antiquated facility. There are a lot of really great memories in this building, but great memories can be made in the new facility as well.

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,

Mrs. Julie Denton

322 N. Church Street

Belleville, IL 62220

November 19, 2014

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I am a lifelong resident of Belleville.

I have worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 20 years.

A new facility will enhance the already excellent care that St. E's employee's provide.

While the current hospital has a lot of sentimental value for me, I'm sure just as many memories can be made in a more up-to-date, modern facility.

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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322 N. Church Street

Belleville, IL 62220

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have stayed in St.Louis my life .I am a volunteer at Better Family Life Inc.

My mother Misty Spears works in medical records.

Better Location

Because its a new beginning.

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,

Ivory Ingram

5425 College ave

St.louis, Mo 63136

November 19, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I work for a mechanical contractor in the metro east area.

I have done some work in the mechanical rooms at the existing hospital and the need for an upgrade is very evident.

This not only will create jobs, but also will provide better care for hospital patients.

The area is growing so fast, we need to keep up with the pace of growth with things like this new hospital facility.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Thompson

2711 barrett meadows ct

ballwin, Missouri 63021

T N Thompson

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Illinois my entire life.

Family members have been hospitalized at St. Elizabeth's.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital would be a great location.

This could provide a viable option instead of having to travel to one of the St. Louis hospitals.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carie Rakers

924 N. 4th St.

Breese, IL 62230

Carie A. Rakers

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the metro east for 40 years. I am a union plumbing contractor who employs 35-45 people at all times.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's along with taking my children here over the years.

I believe the new hospital will help people in our area from having to travel across state lines to get the care we need.

This project will help the economy in several ways now and in the future for this area.

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,

Mr. Albert Roscow

56 Empire Drive

Belleville, Illinois 62220

Albert Roscow

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

It is my forth year living in the area. I am a real estate broker. When schools are at session I do substituting part time too.

I have gone for mammograms and other exams all the way to Belleville and would have been happy to go just a few blocks away. I have friends whose family members have been hospitalized for two weeks one, and for three months the other one.

New building with new technology closer to the clients(all of us) will be highly appreciated.And that will come with better accommodations.

The area is growing. Schools are not big enough to accommodate all the children. The same is with the medical centers available around. So many new subdivisions are being built and new families are moving in. Should they drive to Bellelville or to St Louis for good quality medical service?

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Doriana Burnham

435 Ponderosa Ave

O'Fallon, IL 62269

November 19, 2014

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Administrator
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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 am retired US Air Force and have lived in the Metro East 27 years.

My family and many many friends have needed the services of St Elizabeths

First and foremost we will have a new and modernized hospital with the state of the art equipment and facility. The new location is much easier and faster to get to than trying to negotiate the traffic through the different municipalities when quick emergency care is needed.

St E's will still have a presence in Belleville just as Memorial Hospital does. Belleville will not be left without medical care as many are trying to suggest. St E's cannot continue to provide the Professional state of the art medical care needed in the old facility they now have.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Clark

1675 Lakepointe Estates Dr

O Fallon, IL 62269

Robert Clark

November 19, 2014

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 support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for 35 years.

My father was treated at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the 70's, and my grandfather received excellent care from the hospital in his last weeks. My father in law and my mother both had the best care possible when they were in St. Elizabeth's hospital in the last decade.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will give the community an opportunity for greater and more advanced care.

The facilities in Belleville are nice, but it is obvious the buildings have been in use for a long time, and the space around the hospital for future growth is limited.

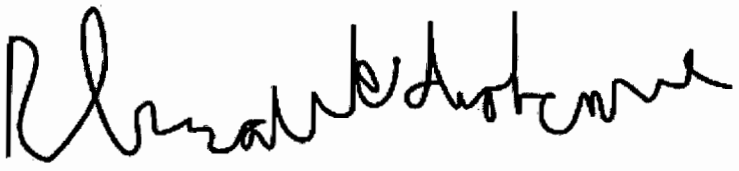
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca Weidenbenner

113 Quail Run

Waterloo, IL 62298



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived and practiced medicine in the Metro East for 23 years; I am very much in support for the new St Elizabeth Hospital in O Fallon. This is not a competition between 2 hospitals; it is project that should benefit all residents in the larger Metro East Area

I have no connection with the hospital at all as an employee or someone who is dependent on St Elizabeth.

The older hospital is outdated and landlocked. The new location has better access for different areas of the Metro East. Newer technology can be better installed at a new facilities than to retro fit to an older facility.

Having 2 up to date and viable hospitals is better than just one as they can cooperate in different programs for the common good of the community.

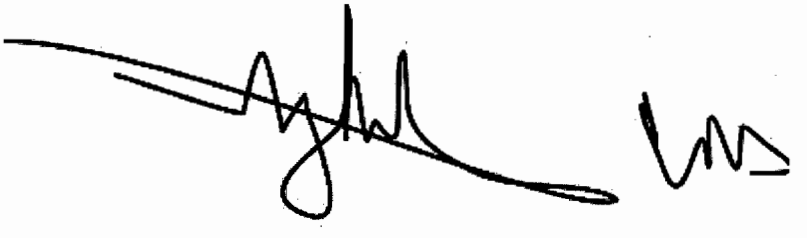
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Dr. Khai Ngo

1333 Engle Creek Dr

O Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

As a resident of the Metro East for the past eight years, I recognize the importance of local access to quality healthcare and the impact that geographic location and accessibility plays in the lives of the communities it serves. My career as a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for over five years has provided me the opportunity to serve the residents of Belleville and adjacent areas , but I am excited to support a replacement hospital that will enable us to provide region-leading healthcare with state of the art technology to a greater number of people.

As a nurse in Labor and Delivery and a patient planning to delivery my second within the coming week, the Maternal Child Center at St Elizabeth's Hospital continues to play a vital role in the life and growth of my family. The care and compassion that patient's receive at St. Elizabeth's is second to none and a replacement facility, will allow us to grow our amazing mission.

The infrastructure of the current building does not allow for state of the art technology that is a necessity in an ever-changing and growing healthcare industry. The current building also poses security and safety concerns for our patient and staff members. This is why I urge you to support a replacement facility that will accommodate the needs and growth that we desire as a region leader.

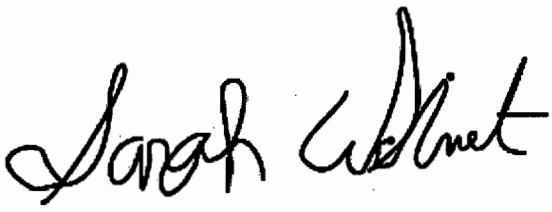
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Winet

13407 Wildlife Trail

Highland, IL 62249



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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 am currently a resident of O'Fallon, IL and am looking forward to the new updated Hospital.

This new location would make it easier on my family financially due to my wife's work being closer to our house.

This new facility and updated technology would ensure that our area would assist in immediate accurate care of the local area's residents. This would be a much closer option in an emergency in lieu of driving across the river to BJC.

I would feel more comforted if the new facility is built than having the option to use the current facility in Bellville.

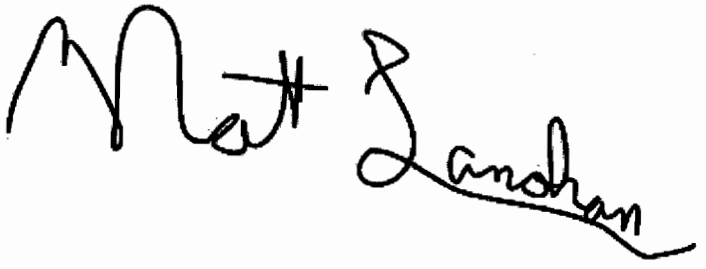
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matt Lanahan

920 Bird Dog Ln.

O'fallon, il 62269



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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 my entire life and currently work providing healthcare services through home health agencies.

All of our children were born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the hospital has served us well as our children utilized the ER services multiple times as they grew up.

The O'Fallon hospital will allow St. Elizabeth's to provide improved care by utilizing the latest technology available in the healthcare arena.

The current building is outdated and a new facility will allow for improved patient privacy and comfort.

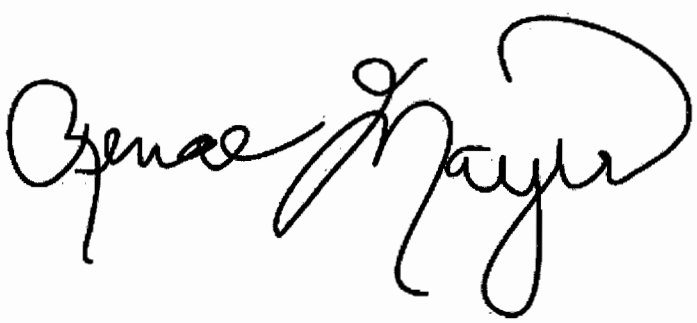
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renae Mayer

7420 Covered Bridge Dr.

Waterloo, ILLINOIS 62298



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

As an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital I have seen tremendous growth in the hospital over the last 5 years. I manage support groups which meet weekly at the hospital & provide education throughout the community. I know the commitment St. Elizabeth's has to the community and the support it provides to those who give their time in a volunteering basis.

I also can speak of the limitations the current building places on the care of the patient both as a patient myself and as a health care provider. Though St. Elizabeth's Hospital has made significant infrastructure upgrades & incorporated new technologies to provide excellent patient care there are still many adjustments the staff must make daily to deliver the care.

I know the O'Fallon replacement hospital will reduce the obstacles in delivering high quality patient care and improve the working environment of the employees.

Though it would mean a longer commute for myself I would happily do this knowing how much it would mean to the patients, employees and community to have the new hospital.

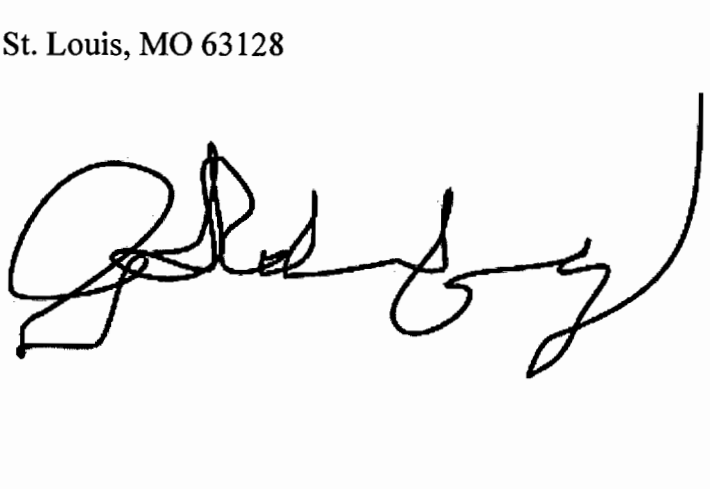
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Julia Schimmelpfennig

4986 Vermilion

St. Louis, MO 63128



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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 for 50 plus years and also work in the Metro East.

I worked in Belleville and I went to the hospital while working there with a co-worker who was ill.

I believe people in the Metro East should have options on what type of care they desire.

It would help the local economy with more jobs available.

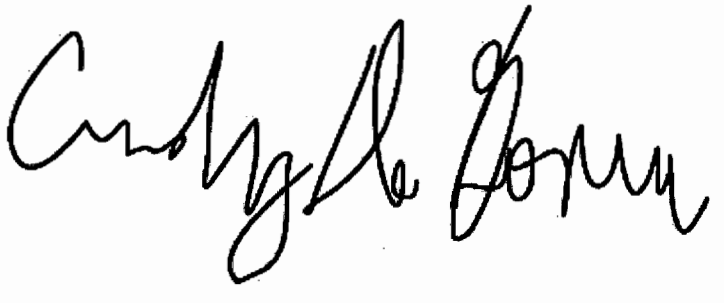
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cindy DeGonia

2400 Grand Ave.

Granite City, IL 62040



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

Me and my family have been living in the Metro East for 3 years. We were brought here by the military when my mother-in-law was terminally ill suffering from ALS. Scott Air Force Base was the closest base to her home in Michigan. She past away in 2011. My husband and I have both retired from the military but we have chosen to make Belleville our place of residency.

My husband had hernia surgery at St. Elizabeth. This was our first encounter with the facility. It was a very good experience. The people were nice. We really appreciated the hospitality being new to the area. Shortly after his surgery, I applied for a job at St. Elizabeth in the People Services Dept. This was my first civilian job after being in the military for 20 years. I have been employed with the hospital for over 2 years and I love it.

The new hospital will provide access to service many new people coming to the area don't have. Being right off the highway will make it quicker and more visible for people how are unfamiliar with the locate are to get to.

The new hospital will be a more modern facility. The current hospital really needs a facelift.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Parker

204 Sparrow Point Lane

Belleville, IL 62221

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I work in Illinois and would greatly appreciate a new facility if I ever needed one

I work close to the proposed hospital

Better location and access and better technologies

Job creation

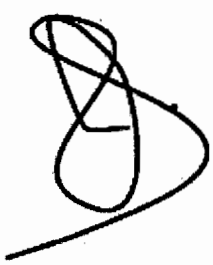
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon Schuppan

14220 Cobble Hill Ct

Chesterfield , MO 63017



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I've lived in the Metro East my whole life 55 years. I am President of Bricklayers Local 8 of Illinois we have over 1200 members and their families that could benefit from this new facility after it is built. Not to mentions the construction jobs it will create. And we look forward to the future developement that the new St. Elizabeths Hospital will spur.

I have three brothers and two sisters all of us as well as our parents have been patients at St. Es.Three of us were born their.And My mother used to work there.

At this new location with better access the whole region benefits.

Sometimes whats better for a region may cause short term concerns for others. I can't imagine anyone publicly stating that this is bad for our region.

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,

Mr. David Toenjes

316 Violet Drive

Belleville , Illinois 62220

David Toenjes

November 20, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am 57 years old,and have lived in the area all my life.I was born at St.Elizebeths hospital.I am a business owner in the area.

I and members of my family have all been patiences over the years.

It will be a state of the art facility.

I believe the residents of the area deseve to have the most up to date medical facilities possible,without having to travel to Missouri

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,

Mr. Edward Hock

6601 Beil Road

Millstadt, Illinois 62260

Edward Hock

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked for Hospital Sisters Health System since June 2012 and am currently based in a Belleville office.

While I have not been a patient of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I see daily the benefits of the care they provide to patients and families from many geographic areas.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will clearly benefit patients and the community. It is a better location, will provide increased access, will include more enhanced technology, and many other benefits.

There can be no reasonable doubt that the inpatient facilities at St. Elizabeth's have now been in operation beyond their useful life. Movement to a new location will also allow St. Elizabeth's to serve a larger population.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Katherine Castree

224 West Garfield

Belleville, IL 62220

Katherine L Castree

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

60 years Business Manager Steamfitters local 439 for the last 22 years

wife works there for the past 30 plus years

main interstates

JOBS and future expasion

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Bailey

1220 Donald Bailey dr

caseyville, Illinois 62232

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I work for a company located in the Metro East and many friends and coworkers liver here.

Many friends and their family members have received services at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The new facility will bring enhanced technology and newer, more accessible healthcare to the region.

It will also support the continued economic growth of the Metro East community.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Rush

12891 White Rock Ct.

Des Peres, MO 63131

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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 my entire life

The new Hospital will be centrally located to serve the Metro East and not just Belleville.

The highway access will play a major factor in saving lives.

The Hospital will bring good paying jobs to the region. Good paying jobs to build the hospital and good paying jobs to staff the hospital

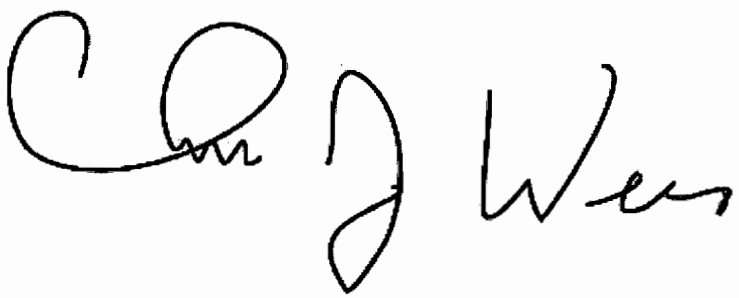
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Weir

15 Fieldcrest

maryville, Illinois 62062



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I am not a resident of the Metro East, but I am a business agent of Roofers Local No. 2 and we cover roofing projects in Illinois counties.

I have no personal connection with St. Elizabeth's Hospital, but I do believe construction of a new facility would enhance the functionality and productivity of the workplace.

I see this building project as an opportunity to strengthen the economy. This project will bring new jobs to roofers and other construction workers. The use of Union Workers will ensure the project is executed in an effective and timely manner.

This building project will enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Todd Heisserer

2920 Locust Street

St. Louis, MO 63103

Todd Heisserer

November 20, 2014

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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 and worked in the Metro East for 60 years.

St. Elizabeth's has served the community well for 50 years. Everything has its life expectancy and to maintain the type of service and care they have been providing a new facility in a more central location is needed.

The hospital will be able to better serve the community with better access and technology making it possible to bring patients from across the river rather than our families feeling the need to go to St. Louis.

A project of this size also brings with it support business's bringing more jobs and construction.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Davis

79 Kendall Dr.

Wood River, Il 62095

Michael Davis

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I am a member of East St. Louis Steamfitters Local 439.

I have worked in the Metro East for 30 years and have had friends and co workers that were patients.

The replacement hospital will offer a state of the art hospital with better access to the whole area.

I also support the project because it will bring growth to the area and much needed jobs now and in the future.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Thomas

19224 Redington Rd.

Chesterfield, Il. 62630

Mark Thomas

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East area all of my life - 54 years

My father was born at St Elizabeth's as were my wife and 2 children. My wife and I both worked at the hospital when we were in college. We have life long relationships with St Elizabeth's.

It is important to the community that the health care facilities of the area are maintained to the highest standards and constantly modernized to keep up with the newest technology.

The new hospital is not significantly farther away from the old one and will provide better access for the entire region.

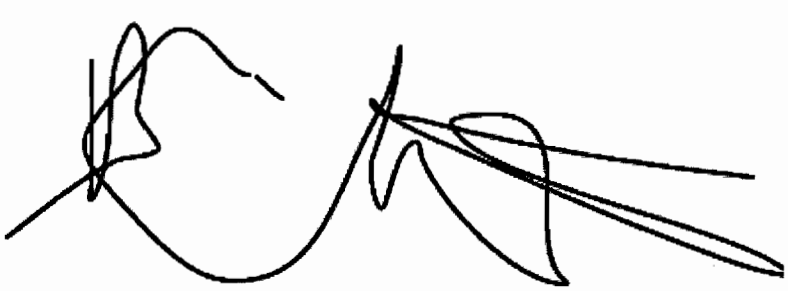
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Chaput

5141 Live Oak Drive

Smithton , IL 62285



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

My family has lived in the metro east for 3 generations. St. Elizabeth's hospital has served each generation of my family. I work in the metro east and I plan on raising my children here.

My grandmother was the most recent family member at St. Elizabeth's hospital. It is the only hospital she trusted.

The hospital has seen better days, it really needs to be replaced. Just as every other business if you do not update and throw money back into the business you can not compete with new and better facilities/technologies.

People in the metro east tell me all the time to go to St. Louis for treatments, because Memorial and St. Elizabeth's are not as up to date.

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,

Mr. Steve Kohlberg

2 White Oak lane

Smithton, Ill. 62285

Steve Kohlberg

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have been working in the Metro East community at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the past year and a half.

I work for St. Elizabeth's Hospital and know that the people who work there care a great deal about the Metro East Community.

As an employee of St. Elizabeth's, I know that the new hospital in O'Fallon is vital for us to continue to serve the people of the Metro East with the best possible care. We need the advanced technology and extra room to help us continue to provide the best care possible.

It is vital for the Metro East community as a whole that we are able to serve the entire region with the best possible care and provide access to that care to all of its residents.

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,

Mr. Jay Restifo

2501 Wintercreek

Belleville, IL 62221

Jay T. Restifo

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

Although I do not live in the Metro East, I have worked in the area for that last 9 years.

My grandmother had knee replacement surgery and follow up treatments at St. Elizabeth's this past summer.

She will benefit greatly from the advanced technology that the new hospital will provide.

I also support this project because of the new job creation of a project of this size, both at the hospital and the construction effort.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stellhorn

1336 Birch Meadow Dr.

High Ridge, MO 63049

Mark D. Stellhorn

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I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East area for about 25 years , and I am a member of Steamfitters Local 439.

I have had physicals done at St. Elizabeth's.

A new hospital in O'Fallon would offer better access and more modern technology.

A new hospital would bring growth to the area and much needed jobs.

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,

Mr. Beau Shawgo

307 west pine

Percy, Il. 62272

Beau Shawgo

November 20, 2014

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 am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I do not live in the area, but I work here everyday and it would be nice to have a state of the art hospital with easy access that I could go to if I needed.

I have co-workers that use St. Elizabeth's.

A replacement Hospital will bring state of the art technology. The Location will be more accessible.

It will bring growth to the area.

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,

Mr. Justin Snyder

13080 Prairie Trail

Carlinville, IL 626262

November 20, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I work at icon Mechanical in Granite City.

My connection would be through the construction process.

I believe the short term benefit would be construction jobs and infusion into the local economy that it brings. Long term, i believe would be the techincal and professional jobs that a state of the art hospital would bring.

Leaps and bounds in medicine and technology are best served, I believe, with a new building and not an older updated facility.

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,

Mr. Richard Lackey

16036 Meadow Oak Drive

Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

November 20, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have only been in the Metro East a short time.

I have relatives that live in the area and they currently go to st louis area for hospital services.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital would benefit our community by being more convenient. A closer location the community.

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,

Ms. Pam Beard

xxx

Granite City, IL 62040

Pam Beard

November 20, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am 51 and have lived in the Metro East region all my life. I work out of an office in Granite City, Il.

My in-laws have benefited from St. Elizabeth's Hospital care in the past.

I believe moving to the O'Fallon area will definitely benefit the surrounding community as a whole. Good location with enhanced technology.

This is a win for many reasons; a centrally located, state-of-the-art hospital, affording many new jobs in the construction of, and staffing of this new facility.

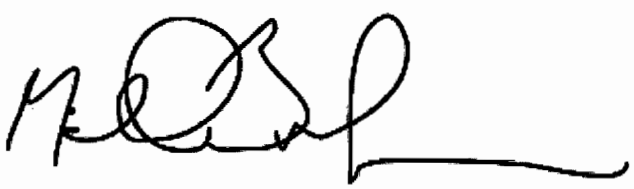
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Buchana

622 Giffhorn

Columbia, Il 62236



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I do not currently live in the Metro East, but I work in the Metro East, and plan to move into the area.

I have not been a patient at St. Elizabeth's.

When I move to the area it would be very beneficial to have a new hospital with the latest technology and easy access.

It would bring other business to the area and jobs.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ross Bellm

19681 bear rough hills Rd.

Carlinville, Il. 62626

Ross A. Bellm

November 20, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East all my life. I work in Granite City and shop and dine in the O'Fallon area.

My father in law had a heart attach some time ago and was treated at St. Elizabeth's and recovered fully.

A replacement hospital will allow easier access for the community and enhanced technology that is vital for this area.

Offering more options for treatment helps keep healthcare on the cutting edge in our community.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Smith

9120 Rezy Rd

Staunton, IL 62088

November 20, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East area for 27 years. I also work in the Metro East area.

I personally have never been to St Elizabeth's but I have friends and coworkers who have been patients there.

I would be more likely to use a new hospital with the latest technology. At this time I would go to St. Louis for medical care because I believe they are more up to date than the outdated hospital in Belleville.

Your new location would be much more accessible for everyone in the area than your current location.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Battuello

509 Deer Run

Moro, IL 62067

November 20, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked in the Metro East for the past two months, and have lived near by my entire life.

I have had friends and family admitted to St. Elizabeth's Hospital on multiple occasions and everyone involved was professions and very helpful.

Building a new hospital with newer, more efficient equipment, will benefit everyone involved. Not to mention the newer equipment has vast technological improvements over the older equipment.

Replacing the hospital with a better location/entrances will help people and emergency vehicles access the hospital with an improved flow and emphasis on getting emergency vehicles where they need to be as safe as possible.

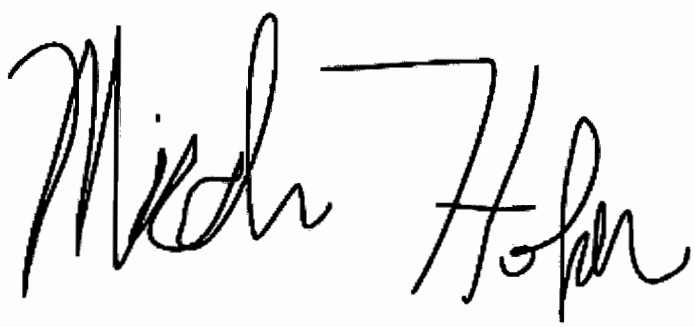
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Micah Holper

3269 Haas Ave

Bridgeton, Mo 63044



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I currently work for Icon Mechanical and believe that St. Elizabeth's Hospital is essential to the growth of the community.

St. Elizabeth's will not only be a cornerstone in the community, building it will create a large number of jobs.

The location of the new hospital is perfect! It can be easily spotted from the highway.

Not only is the location good, the enhanced technology that will be included with this project will be ground breaking!

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joe Shryock

222 Rolling Rock Creek Dr.

Wentzville, Missouri 63385

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the area for 35 years and I have worked in the area for 13 years in the construction trades.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's in 1978 but I use the Hospitals in St. Louis because I believe they are more up to date.

I would use your new St. Elizabeth's hospital in O'Fallon because I believe it would be more up to date and more accessible for me and my family.

A new Hospital would bring growth to the area

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald Marshall

424 Cortner Dr.

Smithton, IL 62285

D. Steven Marshall

November 20, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for over 40 years and I have worked as a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital a total of 20 years.

I was recently a patient here at St. Elizabeth's and I received outstanding, competent care.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit the community due to its location on I-64 and due to the enhanced technology that will be available in the new facility.

The replacement hospital will enable easier access for the underserved areas St. Clair, Madison, and Clinton Counties.

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,

Ms. JoAnn Pritchett

7013 Stallion Drive

Belleville, IL 62025

November 20, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have been a resident of Madison County for 24 years.

I have seen the area grow rapidly and the future looks promising for continual growth.

Proper health care has always been a concern for the residents of Madison county.

It would be beneficial to keep health care local instead of St. Louis.

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,

Mr. Robert Durbin

118 Pleasant Ridge Dr

Edwardsville, Il 62025

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I grew up in Illinois near Belleville and still live in the area on the Missouri side of the river.

I was actually born at St. Elizabeth's hospital and my mother and father have been frequent patients there in recent years.

The new location will be a great convenience for my parents.

I'm sure there will be new technology and medical advancements incorporated into the new hospital which will enable St, Elizabeth's to provide even better care for my parents than currently in the existing Hospital building.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Greg Jansen

348 Chateaugay Ln

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Greg A Jansen

November 20, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I work and volunteer in Granite City, IL.

I have had family members at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The hospital needs updated technology to better serve the patients.

I believe it is a good idea to have new hospitals in our area to help people in the Metro East.

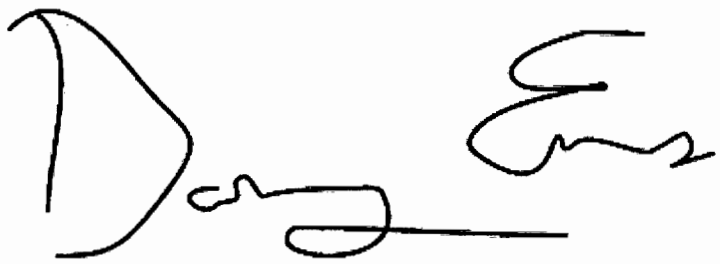
I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Ems

3000 kentucky rd

barnhart, Missouri 63012



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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 for 54 years and been employed by ibew local 309 for 30 years.

I was born at the present hospital and have had major surgery there.

I believe the new location would greatly improve there service to the community with newer technology and modernization.

Access to the hospital would also be greatly improved with I 64 right there.

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,

Mr. Kenny Luechtefeld

1642 Winter Road

Lenzburg, il 62255

November 20, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 34 years. I have also been a patient at the hospital twice. The hospital undergone many changes during the time I have worked there but It is still an old building. A lot of money has already gone into improvements but most of those are just to bring the old facility up to current code.

A replacement hospital would allow St. Elizabeth's to be more competitive with the hospitals in St. Louis. It would enable the colleagues to be more efficient in their care of our patients. The rooms and the nurses stations would be up to date with the most modern equipment. Space in the new hospital would be used more efficiently. The ancillary departments would have more efficient working spaces for their state of the art technology instead of trying to fit it in spaces not made for it.

The new location would also make the hospital more accessible to a larger population of the region. It is located right on a major highway and bus routes could be adjusted to drop patients and employees off right at the hospital. At times it is very difficult to get through Belleville to the hospital.

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,

Mrs. Debbie Reeder

18 Londonderry Dr.

Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

Debbie Reader

November 20, 2014

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Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived here all my life and worked for St Elizebath's Hospital for 20 years

my mother and father in law had cath's done their

better location/ Access

Enhanced technology

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joyce Rahar

133 Parr ave

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

November 20, 2014

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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.

St. Elizabeth's Emergency Services 2 years Resident of O'fallon, Illinois 23 years

I have been treated at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and would like to continue using this facility

Location will better serve our community and the opportunity to enhance technology

The hospital is in need of providing a better facility. The new facility will be more cost effective than trying to upgrade the current facility

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,

Ms. Lisa Schaltenbrand

709 Michael Street

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

November 20, 2014

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Freeburg, Illinois for the past 7 years. I am currently an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and have been so for the past 11 years. The past 10 years I have been serving the community as a registered nurse at the hospital on telemetry and currently in the ICU.

I was actually born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital as were my both of my brothers. I have had many family members use their services as patients, including myself. Most recently, my 1 year old daughter made a visit to the emergency room after she fell, hit her head and lost consciousness.

While I selfishly would like to keep the hospital closer to home, it would be much more centrally located in the new O'Fallon location for all communities. As an employee, I see first hand just how much updating is needed. I work in the Intensive Care Unit, and have done so for the past 8 years. For example, the rooms are too small for the growing number of machines and type of technology needed to actually practice the kind of medicine St. Elizabeth's Hospital wants to practice and offer to the community. Furthermore, the rooms offer no natural light or privacy. The list for needed updates goes on and on.

Another reason why I support the hospital move to O'Fallon, is that my patients do not just come from Belleville. Many of my patients come from places like Breese, Highland, and Carlyle. Currently they have to drive a very far distance to get there. The move would create a more centralized location to better serve all, not just Belleville and close lying townships.

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,

Mrs. Dana McDonald

325 Silverthorne Dr

Freeburg, Illinois 62243

Dana R
McDonald

November 20, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East all my life and I have worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 42 years.

St. Elizabeth's is always our hospital of choice. I gave birth to all 4 of my children there and both of my parents have been patients there.

By building a replacement hospital in O'Fallon it will be easier access for the patients we serve and we can improve the technology we cannot achieve in the old building we have now.

I feel the city of Belleville has no right to try to stop us. Only 25 percent of the patients live in Belleville. The rest of the patients come from the smaller towns surrounding. The O'Fallon location would be easier access for them.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Dianne Cowden

305 Country Club Acres

Belleville, Il 62223

Dianne Cowden

November 20, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in New Athens, IL my whole life. St. Elizabeth's was the closest hospital to our small village. When I graduated from college I knew I wanted to work close to home. St. Elizabeth's was a strong employer in the area, so I knew I was lucky when they hired me into their family fifteen years ago.

When I started my family, I chose to deliver my son at St.E's. My experience was excellent. Even though my plan of a natural child birth changed and I ended up having an emergency c-section, the staff was great and I came home with a healthy baby. When I found out that I was pregnant with my second child, I knew that St.E's was the only place I wanted to deliver. Again the experience was excellent.

A replacement hospital would be a great asset to our area. The location of the new hospital for my village would be similar in regards to the commute time, but the updated facilities and enhanced technology would be so beneficial to those people who don't want to travel across the river into Missouri.

As a colleague of St. Elizabeth's I fully support our mission and values. I believe that our hospital's staff would be able to do so much more for the community with a upgraded facility and access to enhanced technology that the replacement hospital could provide.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kendra Newman

708 Weinel Drive

New Athens, IL 62264

Kendra Newman

November 20, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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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 all of my life and worked here as well. I work construction out of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 309 in Collinsville. This project will generate much needed jobs for the area.

St. Elizabeths has treated many of my family members as well as employed a few. I was delighted to hear that they were looking to build a new state of the art facility.

A state of the art hospital on the Illinois side of the river that's easily accessible is what im looking forward to. No more going to St. Louis.

This would generate a lot of construction jobs giving our community an economic boost that will help everyone.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Leon Bradley

3403 Trout camp rd

Waterloo, Illinois 62298

L. Bradley

November 20, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have family that lives in the Metro East area. After graduation from SIUE as an Advanced Practice Nurse, my family has discussed moving to the area.

St. Elizabeth's hospital has been utilized by my family, and they have had a good experience.

The opportunity for enhanced technology and the new location will be beneficial.

New jobs will be needed to build the new hospital, and that will be great for the community.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy Moss

314 N Harrison St.

Girard, IL 62640

Stacy Moss

November 21, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I'VE LIVED IN BELLEVILLE AREA FOR 44 YRS. IVE WORKED AT ST. ELIZABETHS FOR 15 YRS.

MY CHILDREN WERE BORN AT ST . ELIZABETHS AND MY PARENTS DIED THERE. WE NEED AN UPDATED HOSPITAL WITH THE NEEDED TECHNOLOGY. I DESIRE MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO GO TO THE NEW HOSPITAL AND KEEP UP THE TRADITION. WE'VE ALWAYS RECIEVED EXCELLENT CARE AND I WANT IT TO CONTINUE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND MY FAMILY.

I WORK IN THE ICU, WE VERY MUCH NEED A NEW FACILITY WITH ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE WELL BEING OF OUR PATIENTS.

ITS TIME FOR A NEW FACILITY. ST. ELIZABETHS IS OVER 100 YRS OLD. ITS TIME FOR A NEW BUILDING TO ACCOMIDATE NEW TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO GIVING PATIENTS THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE AND A LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSABLE TO ALL THE COMMUNITY.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. MONA WANN

206 SOUTH MARKET STREET

NEW ATHENS , IL 62264

Mrs. Mona Wann

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I WORK IN THIS HOSPITAL AND STAYING IN METRO EAST SINCE 9 YRS.MY HUSBAND OWNS A MOTEL IN CASEYVILLE SO WE ARE REALLY GOOD TAX PAYERS.

I AM AN EMPLOYEE THERE AND WAS ALSO A PT IN PAST HAVING SURGERY.THEY HAVE TAKEN VERY GOOD CARE OF ME AS A PATIENT.

OLD IS GOLD BUT CHANGE IS A JOURNEY OF LIFE.WITH SO MANY ADVANCEMENT IN SCIENCE AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY TO KEEP UP WITH THESE ADVANCEMENTS AND FOR BETTER PATIENT CARE-A NEW FACILITY IS A MUST.O'FALLON WILL BE A GOOD LOCATION AS IT IS EASILY ACCESIBLE FOR AMBULANCES AND ALSO FOR PATIENTS TO DRIVE FROM HIGHWAY.

FINANCIALLY ALSO THE OLD BUILDING WILL TAKE DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO GIVE AN UPLIFT WITH SOME PERMANENT BARRIERS WHICH CAN NOT BE REPLACED OR ADJUSTED DUE TO MAIN STRUCTURE BEING NARROW OR VICE VERSA.

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,

Mrs. BINA MERCHANT

1,COVENTRY CT

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208

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November 21, 2014

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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 since 1974, but actually never in Belleville.

St. Elizabeth's has always been my family's hospital of choice. Although we have been blessed as a family with few illness or injuries, there has never been a question about which hospital we would utilize.

Moving St. Elizabeth's to O'Fallon is not synonomous with abandoning Belleville. St. Elizabeth's is the destination hospital for many residents throughout the counties of St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Randolf, Clinton and Madison.

It is merely a building that is being replaced, not the mission of caring that has been the guiding force behind St. Elizabeth's since the beginning.

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,

Mrs. Mary Pittman

120 Lowell Court

Shiloh, !L 62269

November 21, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for 40 years. I have worked as a cement mason for 17 years and now I am the business manager for the Operative Plasterers & Cement Masons Local # 90

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

It would be easier to access the hospital if moved to O'Fallon.

There would be jobs created in the area.

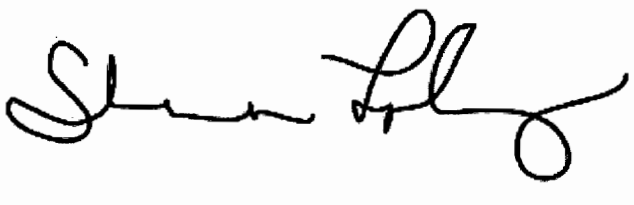
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shannon Foley

6 View West Estates

Caseyville, Illinois 62232



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East area for 49 years and I work in Granite city for a mechanical contractor.

I have seen the old facility and it is very outdated, border line obsolete.

The area has grown in leaps and bounds and desperately needs a new health care facility. The new facility would create many jobs, not just at the hospital, but also it would require vendor support.

As a community progress is certain and modern health care is necessary to support the growing population.

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,

Mr. Cary Schneider

6580 Buckingham Palace

Imperial, MO 63052

Cary Schneider

November 21, 2014

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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 for 55 years,I have worked in the industrial piping industry for 35 years

This is were I was born and have had many medical procedures here since.

The new location, technology, and new jobs for the medical profession would be a benefit to the community

It brings much needed work to our region.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roger Wilkinson

5208 lakeview dr

Granite City, IL 62040

Roger Wilkinson

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

My business partners and I have been operating a Engineering and Construction business in the Metro East for 20 years.

We have 75 office staff and over 200 field personnel that work and live in the area.

Our employees deserve the very best in medical treatment. I believe the very best can only be achieved by using the most modern systems and technologies. Hospitals built 40 years agoe cannot be updated to take advantage of the advances that have been made in recent years.

In addition to high tech buildings for high tech medicine, I believe having a hospital located off of major interstates provides better access for both emergency vehicles and patrons.

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,

Mr. Michael Bieg

1616 Cleveland Blvd

Granite City, IL 62040

M Bieg

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked as an employee of Hospital Sisters Health System in Belleville for over 5 years.

As an employee, I appreciate the extensive thought and analysis that has been dedicated to this replacement hospital project.

Relocating the hospital along the highway 64 corridor will ensure improved regional access for patients, including the under-served, to important health care services.

This project makes sense for all of the reasons included in the project's CON application. Approval of this project by the Board will ensure St. Elizabeth's Hospital is able to provide quality health care services in the region for decades to come.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Nicole Lewer-Holst

224 W Garfield St

Belleville, Illinois 62220

J. N. Lewer-Holst

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Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have worked in the Metro East for 4 months.

I am connected to St. Elizabeth's Hospital because after driving by the hospital several times, it reminded me of the period I spent in the hospital.

St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital will benefit me in that it will give my company more projects to work on.

I support the project because my company supports the project and I always support the things my company supports.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. LaKisha Brown

1616 Cleveland Blvd.

Granite City, IL 62040

LaKisha Brown

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have worked in the Metro East medical community the last five years as a physician.

I am a member of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital Medical Staff.

The replacement hospital will offer our patients a better service site with easier patient access, significatly enhanced technology, and other updated medical services.

Extremely important for the infrastructure of the community.

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,

Dr. Edward Schuessler

2 Radnor Road

Huntleigh, MO 63131

November 21, 2014

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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 Mascoutah for the last 14 years after my husband retired from the US Air Force.

My family has been going to St. Elizabeth's for many years and many of my family members were born at that hospital.

I think that the Metro East area deserves a state of the art hospital at a location that is easily accessed by the highway.

As a retired military spouse, I think that this replacement hospital will be located in area that will provide the most up to date health care to those who serve our country in the military. It will also be great to have this type of facility on the Illinois side so that our neighbors won't have to go across the river to St. Louis.

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,

Mrs. Regina Peterson

1230 Larkspur Dr.

Mascoutah, Illinois 62258

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been an employee of St. Elizabeth's for 13 years.

A new facility would allow for greater patient satisfaction, which drives our business.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Noelle Bowermaster

150 Hunters Hollow

Collinsville, IL 62234

Noelle M Bowermaster

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I just returned to the Metro East area after being away for over 10 years. I had started working in St. Louis because St. Elizabeth's did not have any job openings at the time I returned. I waited over one year to apply for a postion which was a great opportunity for me because the distance from Lebanon to St Louis was stressful. The commute from Lebanon to Belleville has taken the driving stress out of my life and my families life.

The O'Fallon hospital replacement will be closer to my home in Lebanon, but most of all it will have new medical equipment. Medical technology evolves at lighting speed which will contribute to care and safety for patients and families. members.

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,

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Labadie

401 Shadow Rock Court

Lebanon, IL 62254

Angela Labadie

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have been a long-time resident of Carlyle, but have recently moved to the O'Fallon area. I work full-time in the recovery room as the clinical nurse facilitator.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's following a few surgeries and have been very pleased with the quality and care of my surgeons, nursing care,and ancillary staff. My mother was a patient at St. Elizabeth's during chest pain incident that showed she was having a heart attack. She had a cardiac catheterization and received a stent placement. We couldn't have been more pleased with her care and services that she received.

I feel the O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit the staff as well as the community. We will be more accessible to our outlying cities and towns that primarily use our current facility.

I also support the project because our building is showing its wear and tear, and it's not economically sound to demolish and rebuild in its current location. Not only is it not economically sound, but where would our patients go to get their care? What would the employees do while the buildings are demolished and a new facility built?

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,

Tina Aarns

1208 Greenfield Place Apt 108

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Lina Aarons

November 21, 2014

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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 the last 9 years.

I work in the Granite City area and drive all over southern Illinois for work and pleasure.

The O'Fallon location would be easier for me and my family to access than the Belleville location.

The O'Fallon area has grown considerably since we moved here and I believe this region needs more health care and emergency service choices.

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,

Mrs. Celine Weaver

382 East Lake Drive

Edwardsville, IL 62025

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the area for 36 years and I have work for icon Mechanical for the past 3 years.

Yes as a member of the community I have had family members that have been patients at St. Elizabeth all our life.

The St. Elizabeth Hospital is located in a convenient area right off the highway.

The St.Elizabeth Hospital will create more jobs in the metro east.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Hawthorne

4356 Lonestar Rd.

Freeburg, IL 62243

Ryan Hawthorne

November 21, 2014

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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 moved to the Metro East area in 1976 with my four children.

My first time in St. Elizabeth Hospital was in 1981. I have been in several other times the latest was April 2013. I found the staff to be caring, considerate, and efficient.

This move will give St. Elizabeth Hospital the chance to get all the latest technology and move into the 21st century of medicine.

It will also make it easier for all Metro East residents to access St. Elizabeth Hospital as it's an exit right off I64.

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,

Mrs. Beverly Wiggs

1230 Larkspur Dr

Mascoutah, Il 62258

Beverly Wiggs

November 21, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for the last 35 years.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth and have always good experience.

With the new location and enhanced technology this hospital will benefit a lot of people in the community.

This will be a big boost for the economy.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Dunn

614 S Missouri Ave

Belleville, IL 62223

November 21, 2014

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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 my entire life, specifically in the communities of Smithton, Freeburg, and Shiloh. I have worked for Hospital Sisters Health System for 7 years, starting my career at St. Elizabeth's.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's, my parents were born at St. Elizabeth's,my grandparents were born at St. Elizabeth's, and my great-grandparents were born at St. Elizabeth's. Myself and other family members have also received outpatient and inpatient care from the hospital as well.

We are all well aware of the benefits that will come with the construction of a state-of-the-art facility, located directly off Interstate 64. Most of the opposition claims that St. Elizabeth's is abandoning Belleville and the rural towns to the south/southeast. Having grown up in those rural towns, I can say the hospital moving to O'Fallon will not have a significant impact on these communities. Most of them travel to O'Fallon,Shiloh, and Fairview Heights on a regular basis, as they are the economic hub of the Metro East (not Belleville). These communities are already traveling to the UrgiCare center in O'Fallon for outpatient care, as it is more convenient. On that note, I'm very proud to have grown up in a rural area, as the small town values/upbringing are part of what helped me become the person I am today. That small town lifestyle and sense of community was and is often threatened by the lack of morality perpetuated by the Belleville political and criminal community. As such, I do not appreciate my small town communities, specifically Freeburg and Smithton, being spoken for by Belleville politicians and activists under the facade that they genuinely care, in order to further their agenda.

HSHS St. Elizabeth's and HSHS Medical Group have been able to recruit so many physicians to the Metro East with the main driver being they all want to practice medicine within or near a brand new facility that is centered to provide care for the entire region. Again, the entire region not just Belleville. These physicians have come from all over the US, specifically from the larger, more reputable hospitals in St. Louis. If this project is denied on the premise that Belleville and the communities it presumes to speak for are being done a disservice, then the IHSFRB will have effectively undone all the efforts to attract high quality specialists and primary care providers to the Metro East. If these providers feel that they are not able to effect the lives of as many patients as possible, in a modern care setting, they will certainly move back to St. Louis. The government entities in Missouri and St. Louis have made efforts to ensure that their respective healthcare organizations are successful in their mission of providing exceptional care. I ask that the IHSFRB do

the same for Hospital Sisters Health System and HSHS St. Elizabeth's.

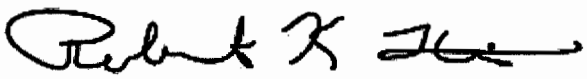
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kyle Harris

641 Old Fayetteville Rd

Freeburg, Illinois 62243



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Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have lived in the metro east all my life, for the past 32 years.

I have never been a patient but if I would need medical care St. Elizabeth's would be a top choice.

The St. Elizabeths hospital will benefit the community by providing easy access and new upgraded technology.

This new hospital will bring many jobs to the area and will be good for local business.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Zach Turner

515 Alaska St.

Staunton , IL 62088

Z. T.

November 21, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have been an member of this community for about 33 years.

I have heard great things about the care that St. Elizabeth provides.

I believe the new replacement hospital will be a huge improvement for healthcare in the community.

This is a great way to bring more business to the area

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,

Mr. John Passiglia

1916 Senate

St. Louis , Missouri 63118

November 21, 2014

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have lived in the Metro East/St. Louis area for 27 years.

I have had family in the care of St. Elizabeth, they were in great hands during their stay at the hospital.

This new hospital will bring new advanced technology to the community with easy access.

The St. Elizabeth replacement hospital will be good for the community.

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,

Mr. Chas Wilkinson

2807 Benton St.

Granite City , IL 62040

November 21, 2014

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I have been an active member if this community my whole life.

I have been a patient at St.Elizabeth hospital and received excellent care while I was there.

A new hospital will improve the lives of many people.

St. Elizabeths will bring enhanced healthcare to the community

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anthony Hanlon

6 Spicer Dr.

Caseyville , IL 62232

Anthony Hanlon

November 21, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I am pleased to say that I have lived in this community almost all my life. I am an active volunteer and work in the construction industry in the St. Louis area.

The services provided at St. Elizabeth hospital have benefited me and my family over the years.

The new hospital will have innovative technology and provide an easier route to the hospital

I support this project because it will bring jobs to the area.

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,

Mr. John Cates

113 East Grant St

Belleville, IL 62220

November 21, 2014

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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 St Claire county for 11 years and have worked at St Elizabeth's hospital for 8 years.

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I look would like to offer my patients and the community the top in technology, but in this building we are struggling. Also, since most of our patients come from outside of Belleville, the new location will offer convenient access.

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I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathryn Sy

9744 Greenridge heights road

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

November 21, 2014

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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 community my entire life and plan to retire here also. I have worked at St. Elizabeth's for 34 years.

My family has always chose St. Elizabeth's Hospital for all their health care needs due to the excellent care and competent staff and physicians.

The new hospital will provide enhanced technology and all patients deserve the latest & greatest health care.

In addition the location will be centrally located for easy access to a major highway.

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,

Mrs. Huffman Kate

903 Wolf Road

Freeburg, IL 62243

Kate Huffman

November 21, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I work in the construction industry in the St. Louis/ Metro East area. I have lived here for almost 40 years.

As a member of the community, St. Elizabeth's hospital has provided support for my friends and family in need over the last decade.

This new hospital will bring new technology and faster service to the community.

I am in support of this hospital because it will bring more jobs to the community and help the local business.

I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tony Hanlon Jr.

2421 Poplar

Highland , IL 62249

November 21, 2014

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Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I have lived in the Metro East area for about 8 years now. The company I work for, Icon Mechanical, is in the process of bidding on the new hospital construction job.

I don't have any real connections to St. Elizabeth's hospital through their services, but I would like to have the opportunity to help design a project such as this one.

The new location being close to several highways will make access easier for most people.

Not only will this new hospital help the community but it will provide work for our company as well as other companies and trades who will participate in this project.

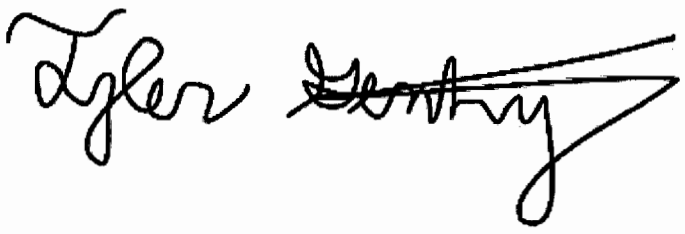
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tyler Gentry

310 Doerr st.

Roxana, Illinois 62084



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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.

As a member of the community for the last 30+ years, I have been active in volunteering through my work in the construction industry.

The hospital services have benefited my family and friends over the years by providing excellent health care services.

The new facility will bring new technology and provide better access in the area.

St. Elizabeths will be integral in providing health care in the community.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jason Reed

1421 Kane Creek Rd

Sparta , IL 62286

November 21, 2014

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 was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in this community for 27 years. Over the years I have volunteered and been an active member in the area.

My family has been in the care of St. Elizabeth and always have had a great experience while there.

This new hospital will help provide the community with better health care and easier access.

New jobs and local business will benefit from the new replacement hospital.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Schulte

2800 Rutz Rd

Trenton, IL 62293

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East region for 59 years. I have been active as a volunteer in community efforts and organizations, as well as being employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese for over 35 years as a Registered Nurse.

My connection to St. Elizabeth's Hospital has been personal, as well as professional. My father and other family members have been patients at St. Elizabeth's and we were fortunate to be able to assess the specialty services that were needed. Professionally St. Joseph's Hospital has been able to serve the health care needs of our community with the availability of specialty services at St. Elizabeth's

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit our community with increasing the ease of accessibility of the specialty services not available at St. Joseph in Breese.

Another reason why I support the project is the enhanced technology and services that will be available to our community as we move to the population health model of healthcare.

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,

Mrs. Helen Essenpreis

779 North Seventh St.

Breese, IL 62230

Helen Eisenpreis

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I have lived and worked in this community all my life.

St.Elizabeth's hospital has provided health care to my friends and family. The services they provide cannot be matched anywhere else.

This new facility will bring advanced health care services to our community. It will also have easier access from the highway.

Also, this new hospital is a chance for the area to improve by bringing in new business.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tyler Knight

2450 Hemlock Ave

Granite City , IL 62040

Tyler Knight

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I am a general manager of a Hotel in O'Fallon IL and a resident of Belleville IL.

I am a type 1 diabetic and was in the ICU at St. Elizabeth's for a period of time due to complications. I have been to the hospital on and off through my entire life. The staff was and is always amazing but the facilities are old and worn out.

The Location of the hospital will be more centralized for the St. Clair County area and will have easier access from the highway. Updating technology and facility is paramount for St. Elizabeth's patients in the future.

The opportunity for growth in jobs and business' in the St. Clair County area will be outstanding if this project goes through.

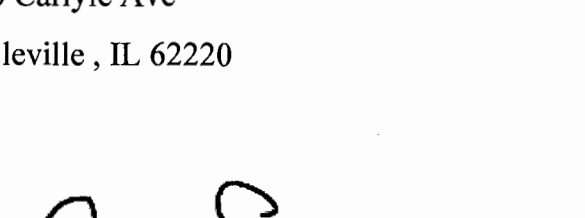
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Spriggs

120 Carlyle Ave

Belleville , IL 62220



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a hotel owner in O'Fallon, Illinois and the new location in O'Fallon is near the hospitality district. At this time Belleville lacks a variety of quality hotels to service the needs of hospital patients and their families. O'Fallon has many hotels at different price points to meet the lodging needs of those under care at the new facility.

I have recently been a patient at St. Elizabeht and although the care was excellent, the facility layout does not lend itself to modern patient care.

The new hospital will be an economic boost to the area, especially the lodging industry.

Addtionally, I feel that a modern facility will improve the quality of healthcare in the region.

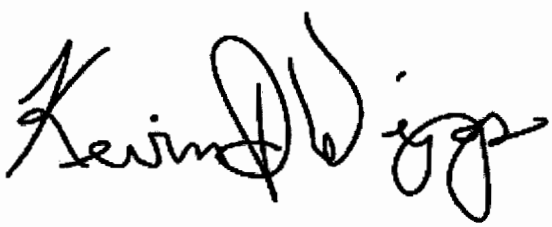
I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Wiggs

37 Zinnia Drive

Belleville, IL 62221



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I currently work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Cardiac Cath Lab. I have worked here for over 20 years.

My family are members of this community and also support the need for a new facility in O'Fallon Il.

I fully believe there is a growing need for a replacement hospital and my family desires to have the benefit of a state of the art facility.

I work in a technology driven environment. To best care for my patients the current facility is extremely difficult. St. Elizabeth's strives to give the best care to the people of this and surrounding communities in our current environment. The new hospital will allow for the technologies our community deserves.

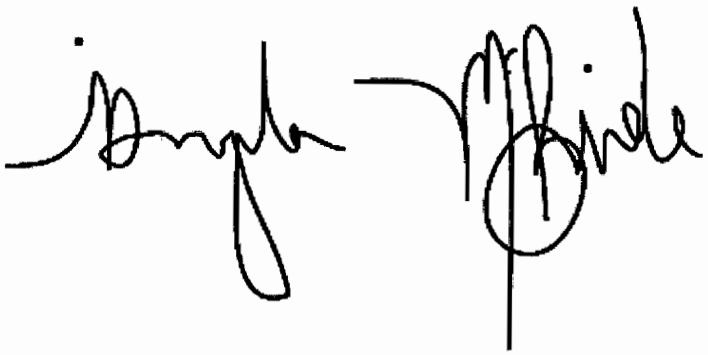
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela McBride

6664 Lake Forest Dr.

Waterloo, IL 62298



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro area all my life.

I work full time in the recovery room.I have family members who have been hospitalized at St. Elizabeth's.We have been very pleased with the care we received.

The O'fallon replacement hospital will benefit me and the community by being brand new with the latest technology.

Since 75 percent of our patients live outside of the Belleville area,I think accessibility will be beneficial.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Shaw

237 Pittsburg Drive

Centreville, Il 62203

Lisa Shaw

November 21, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I do not currently reside in Metro East but I have been apart of St. Elizabeth's team for 2 weeks.

I am a RN at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Better technology and services. It personally will be closer to my home.

The current hospital is outdated and needs repairs. I believe our community and this hospital as a whole deserve a new building to further help our community.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chelsea Eakle

611 N Locust

Greenville , IL 62246

Chelsea

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East for five years. I went to nursing school in Edwardsville, IL and now work as a Registered Nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hopsital.

I work in St. Elizabeth's operating room and very much enjoy my job. I work with wonderful people and love taking care of patients from my region.

I believe the replacement hospital will allow our services to benefit many more people in the Metro East. Our current hospital is filled with dedicated employees and love for patient care, however, we do not have the technology or equipment to provide the best possible care for our patients. Our hospital is difficult to get to and is not easily accessable for much of the region.

I feel that being right off of Interstate 64 will allow more patients to use our facility verse going into St. Louis. We will also be more easily accessable to many patients needing emergent services.

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,

Ms. Samantha Zacholski

57 Northbrook Circle Apt 37

Fairview Heights , IL 62208

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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 O'Fallon for 18 years. I serve as pastor of St. Clare Catholic Church, a 4,000 member church congregation. I make visits to all area hospitals weekly and know well the great need for St. Elizabeth to move to O'Fallon to make the hospital more accessible for more people in the region.

As the pastor of a large congregation, many of my parishioners use St. Elizabeth and I visit them there. Many however, choose to go to St. Louis hospitals because of the distance to St. Elizabeth or because it is too outdated of a facility.

The new location will be a huge benefit to our community, especially with up-to-date facilities and easier access. I also have family in the surrounding region, mostly in Clinton County who definitely find the present facility too difficult to get to and choose other hospitals in St. Louis instead

The Hospital Sisters have been committed to great healthcare in Southern Illinois for many years. They have done their homework and research to truly know the best way to serve the needs of Southern Illinois that best fits with their other regional facilities in Breese and Highland.

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,

Father James Deiters

205 West Third St

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Dr. James Deiters

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have friends and relatives that live in the Metro East and utilize St. Elizabeth's services.

I have been affiliated with St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 18 years.

O'Fallon is a better location.

The new hospital will be able to offer more technology and additional jobs for the community.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Hagemeister

12304 Carberry

St Louis, MO 63131

Jim Hagemeister

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I've been a resident of Breese since birth.

My mom has been employed by St. Elizabeth's for nearly 30 years. It's been a great career for her. She has dedicated many, many hours of service to the hospital and the patients and residents of the community.

The hospital is very difficult to reach from the Breese area. When my grandpa had a heart attack we were very scared he would not make it to the hospital in time. Helicopters were not flying due to the weather and the ambulance services were out with other calls. He received great care at St. Elizabeth's.

A new hospital in O'Fallon would capture a lot of patients who currently seek care in St. Louis.

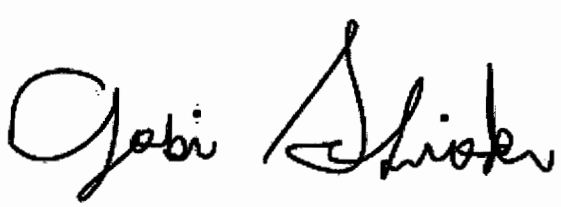
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gabrielle Schnieder

601 Puma Drive

Edwardsville, IL 62025



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I've lived in the Metro East for 15 years and currently work for a mechanical contracting firm.

My brother and sister-in-law are new residents of O'Fallon as of this September and the idea of having a hospital so close in the near future was a great selling feature for them.

Among other reasons this new facility will be beneficial because of the technology it will offer. When something's wrong with a loved one you want to know they're getting the best treatment and tests available and new high tech equipment offers that peace of mind.

Any time there's a chance for new construction that brings jobs to the community that's a win for everyone.

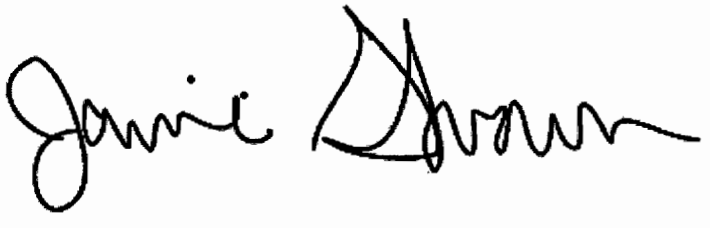
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jamie Shrum

2109 Glen Dr.

Granite City, IL 62040



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I was born and raised in Clinton County.

My family have been patients at St. Elizabeth's many times in the past. We are partial to St. Elizabeth's however it is easier for us to drive to St. Louis. Driving from Carlyle to St. Elizabeth's takes just as long and is frustrating.

The access in O'Fallon will be so much easier to access for the residents of Clinton County. Hopefully the technology and service lines will increase.

Moving the hospital to O'Fallon will increase jobs and access to health care for the areas East of St. Clair County.

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,

Ms. Alexis Zachry

123 Appletree Lane

Glen Carbon, IL 62025

Alexis Zachry

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metropolitan area my entire life. I work for a Mechanical Contracting Company.

My family has had procedures and regular checkups done at the Hospital.

O'Fallon replacement hospital will be in a better location for my family and I.

I support this project because it will provide additional jobs as well as build up the community.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Harry Dunsford

729 Regina Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63125

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for the last 42 years.

I have several family members of mine that have had multiple procedures done at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit my family and I as it will be much easier to access off of Interstate 64.

I support the hospital because it will bring additional, much needed jobs to the Metro East area.

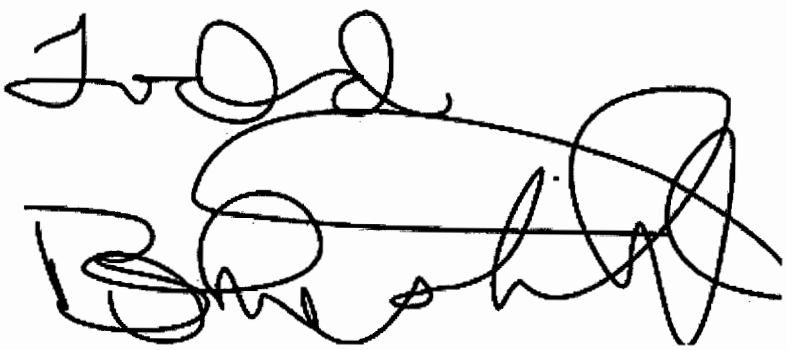
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mr. Todd Bohnenstiehl

410 North Duncan St.

Marine, IL 62061



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Belleville all my life. I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I am a medical technologist employed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital since 1981.

Our family has always gone to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for medical needs.

The most important point to me is that the current building has become financially cumbersome to maintain. Updates to the building to keep up with current technology are becoming impossible as well as costly. Building a new replacement facility will prove to be a better investment in the long run. The sisters of HSHS are extremely conscious of being good stewards of all of their resources.

I believe the new facility will usher in a new era of the most current medical technologies for the entire region while also providing the capability to accomodate future advancements.

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,

Mrs. Lou Ann England

6 Cherry Tree Lane

Belleville, Illinois 62221

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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 been in the metro east area for about 10 years now. Living off of Troy O'fallon Road, the location is perfect.

My wife is a nurse practitioner. A fair amount of her friends will be positively affected by the new hospital.

Excellent location for my family should an emergency occur.

Its good for the local economy.

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,

Mr. Brad Corrie

116 Locksley Ct

Troy, Il 62294

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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 been a member of this community for 15 years and work locally, in Belleville, at one of the oldest family owned manufacturing plants in the area.

I have been a patient of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and treated in their Emergency Room several times. In addition, all of my 3 children have been treated in the ER and one was admitted for sepsis for a week.

The new facility will be configured differently, with private rooms, and new technology to improve the services at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Also, being located immediately off the highway, there will be increased access to the facility for more people in the region.

As the business grows, it will also provide more jobs to the area.

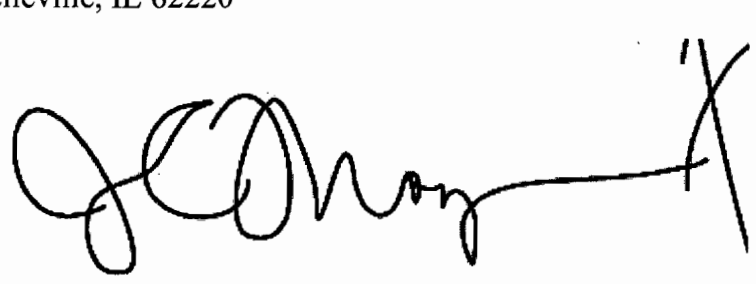
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Thompson

237 Lebanon Ave

Belleville, IL 62220



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

As a military dependent, I moved to the Metro-East in 2000, and have numerous family members still in the area. I attended Mascoutah High School and graduated in 2005. During my time in Saint Clair Country, I worked in Shiloh (St. Louis Bread, Co.), Downtown Belleville (St. Louis Bread, Co.), and Fairview Heights (J.Jill, JCPenney, Lane Bryant). The Metro-East is where I grew up, and where I call home.

All of my nephews have been born at St. Elizabeth's. The staff have cared for my family and provided a place for my grandmother to get regular testing without driving all the way into St. Louis every month.

The current hospital in Belleville is desperately in need renovations. These renovations are more than just because of aesthetics. A new hospital infrastructure would allow of the incorporation of advanced technologies, new equipment, and better facilities will improve the quality of care that our community is afforded.

Additionally, the new location is more accessible to a broader portion of the Metro-East. With access right off of highway 64, ambulances will have quick routes to help get people in need to help faster. Additionally, in terms of people served, the O'Fallonarea (where the proposed hospital will be) is poised in the heart of population growth in Saint Clair County. This are has been booming with development for the last 10 years without slowing down. Providing medical care where the people are and continue to move to is an important part of servicing the community.

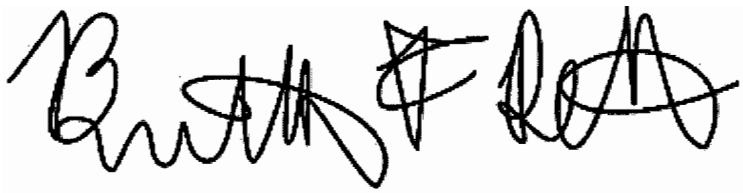
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Brittany Peterson

10 Bridgewater Ct

Lafayette, Indiana 47909



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Dear Ms. Avery:

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I was born and raised here in the Metro East. I am currently an employee at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

My family members have been patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and have received excellent care at this facility.

I feel that the O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit all members of the community with additional availability in advancements in modern technology.

I believe that the replacement hospital will benefit members of all local communities with easier access to this facility.

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,

Ms. Dawn Burnett

2 Berkley Court

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Dawn Burnett

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I grew up in Belleville and now live in Waterloo, Illinois. I have worked for Prairie Cardiovascular for almost 14 years.

I have the utmost respect for the cardiologists of Prairie Cardiovascular and St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I see first-hand the care and dedication the physicians and staff give to their patients. They go above and beyond and want nothing but the best for the patient. The patient is what is important. And that is ALL patients, including the poor and under-served. St. Elizabeth's has, and will continue to care for for all those in need.

I have been witness to many positive changes that have occurred at St. Elizabeth's Hospital over the last few years. The excellent team of Prairie Cardiovascular physicians and staff, along with the hard-working, dedicated management and staff of cardiac services, has led the region in heart care. I'm proud to be a part of this team and would like to see it continue to prosper. A new facility would help lead to even more new and innovative procedures that will allow St. Elizabeth's to further advance and care for patients with heart disease.

I think it's important to offer patients a comfortable, modern facility that is in a central location with easy access. Patients are consumers of healthcare and have the freedom to make choices on what suits their needs. St Elizabeth's has the opportunity to offer them the best care possible at a new, state of the art facility that will serve the people of the entire region.

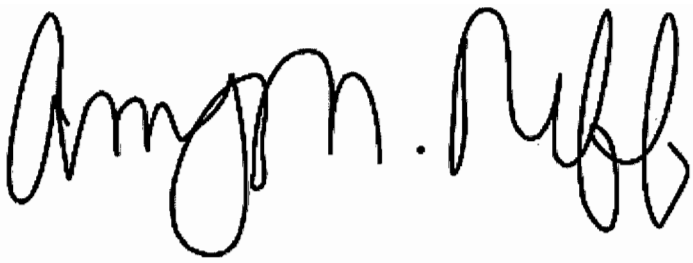
I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Neff

6214 Woodland Trail

Waterloo, Illinois 62298



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Administrator
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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 and worked in the Belleville area for the past 60 years.

My entire fmily has been a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at one time or another

I feel that the O'Fallon replacement hospital will enhance technology for the hospital

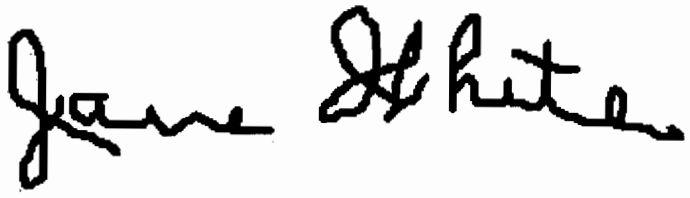
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane White

3770 Sugar Lake Drive

Freeburg, Illinois 62243



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Dear Ms. Avery:

In regard to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital, I would like to share my support.

I am a life long resident of the Metro East and have lived in the city of Belleville for the past 40 years.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's on several occasions and have benefited from the excellent care offered by the physicians and nurses in their surgical department. In addition, my wife and I were very pleased with the wonderful, family oriented care we received for the birth of two of our children.

I live 2.2 miles from the current hospital, but feel that relocation to O'Fallon will allow for better access for all residents of the Metro East.

The move to O'Fallon, IL. will also allow for continued growth of the hospital, something that is not possible in it's current land locked location.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Boron

1884 Stevens Street

Belleville, Illinois 62226

Andrew Boron

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a sister with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. I have lived in the area around six years. I work within my house in Belleville.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's hospital as recent as Monday, October 17, 2014. I was there for an outpatient procedure. I also needed the services of St. Elizabeth's in my past. Each time all my needs were met.

The new hospital would give St. Elizabeth the opportunity to fix the situation they have currently with the much needed structural problems.

It will be better located near the interstate highway with easier access than the current location.

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,

Sister Joan Hornick

100 N. 60th St.

Belleville, IL 62223

Sr. Joan Hornick, ASC

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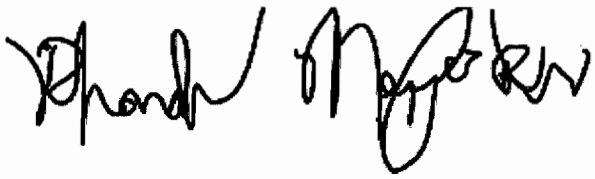
Sincerely,

Mrs. Rhonda Meyer

11511 Prairie Road

Venedy, Il 62214



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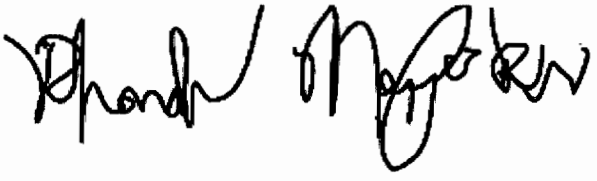

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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 my entire life (64 years). I worked for 35 years at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in various positions. I retired from SIUE in the position of Assistant Director of Admissions. I was responsible for coordinating the daily procedures for processing all undergraduate, graduate and international student admission applications.

I have no direct connection to St. Elizabeths's Hospital but my daughter was treated in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after an automobile accident in East St. Louis. The care she received at the hospital was excellent.

When I traveled to the hospital from my home in Granite City to be with my daughter after her accident, I found it somewhat difficult to locate the hospital. Traffic was also a concern. I do not think I would have had the same concerns had the hospital been located at the new proposed site because of better location and much easier access.

I think cost is an important factor for supporting the project.

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,

Mr. James Rotter

3148 Princeton Dr.

Granite City, Illinois 62040

James P Rotter

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I have lived in the Metro East my entire life which is 60 years. I am retired from the federal government. While employed I worked approximately 10 years at Scott Air Force Base.

My father passed away in St. Elizabeth's hospital many years ago. The care he recieved while there as well as the assistance provided to our family was wonderful. My daughter is an employee of the hospital. She was in an auto accident shortly after beginning her employment. The hospital staff in the ER took excellent care of her.

I believe the O'Fallon replacement hospital will provide an opportunity for and will benefit more people than at it's current location. The replacement hospital will not only provide for better access, it will also provide for enhanced technology and medical initiatives.

I support the project because it will be more cost effective in the long run to build new rather than to renovate an older building with an aging infrastucture.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sheila Rotter

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Granite City, Illinois 62040

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a life long resident of the Metro East having grown up in Washington Park, Illinois and living in Belleville for the last 40 years. During this time I have volunteered at my children's schools and been active in supporting the March of Dimes March for Babies and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

My relationship with St. Elizabeth's is a long one beginning with my days as a volunteer when I was in high school. My first job was as a clerk-typist in the EEG lab. Finally, I have been a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's for almost 40 years. In addition, St. Elizabeth's has been the hospital of choice for my family. My husband, myself and our four children have all used multiple services provided by the hospital. These include the surgery department, laboratory and radiology departments. Our two younger children were born at St. Elizabeth's. We have always appreciated having excellent care available to us in our own backyard.

Locating the replacement hospital in O'Fallon, just off of Interstate 64 will provide a more central location and therefore better access for the region as a whole. The new hospital will also accommodate the increased technology required for providing state of the art care today. Things as basic as connecting to the wireless network in order to document in the government mandated electronic medical record can be challenging at times in a building built before such things were even imagined.

The current hospital was built at a time when patients who may have been used to a four or more bed ward, welcomed the ability to have a semi-private room. Today's healthcare consumer is not satisfied with this arrangement. They expect the privacy of their own room. While St. Elizabeth's has converted a portion of it's rooms to private rooms, patients in these rooms must still use the

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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1884 Stevens Street

Belleville, Illinois 62226

Peggy Boron

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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 was born at St Elizabeth's 42 years ago and have lived in the metro east all my life.

I have been a patient there several times.

Enhanced technology of a new facility is greatly needed.

The local jobs it would bring to the metro east are also greatly needed!

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. greg kipping

409 briarcliff

waterloo, il 62298

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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, in O'Fallon, for over 25 years. I was assigned to work here at Scott AFB, initially, and later retired from the Air Force and began working for private contractors in the local area.

I have been a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital a couple of times, due to surgery. The care I received by the hospital staff was superb. The distance to walk through the hospital to visit patients is long and confusing, with many turns.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will benefit our overall community for a couple of reasons: first, the access to the hospital will be much quicker due to its proximity to Interstate Hwy-64 and second, the facility will be much more energy efficient due to right-sizing for the stated need.

The number of people who live in communities along Interstate Hwy-64 has been increasing dramatically in recent years; they deserve to be given rapid access to a modern hospital facility. The proposed location for the new St. Elizabeth's Hospital will give these people the opportunity for a quick ambulance ride to critical care, where time is essential for their survival.

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,

Col. (Ret) Dale Yonker

209 W Stonybrook Drive

O'Fallon, IL 62269-3590

Dale Yonker

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I grew up in Belleville and returned to raise my family in Belleville as an adult.

I work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I rely on St. Elizabeth's hospital for emergency services and many of my family members have been treated there.

The replacement hospital is sorely needed. The current building is outdated and in a difficult location for many non-Belleville residents to get to. A new modern hospital will make it easier for patients throughout the region to access the hospital. I live in Belleville; I'll miss the 4 minute drive from my house to the hospital, but an extra 8 minute drive will not be a deterrent for me to go to St. Elizabeth's. The hospital will be closer for my friends and family that live in Fairview Heights, O'Fallon, Collinsville and Fairmont City.

Additionally a hospital that can be equipped with modern technology will likely attract more physicians and specialists which would benefit the entire region. Finally, an issue that is very close to my heart are the patients that have higher needs and less access to health services. St. Elizabeth's serves many patients that are under financial hardship. I believe everyone in our community should have access to advanced medical services and modern healthcare technology. The new hospital will be able to provide that access, if the hospital stays at its current location healthcare services will fall behind.

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,

Ms. Rhiannon Chavez

1719 Page Ave

Belleville, IL 62221

Rhiannon Chaves

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East my whole life. My home town is Fairmont City IL where I volunteer at the local library and work in Collinsville.

My connection to St. Elizabeth's Hospital is from the various services my family has used within the hospital as well as my family that work within the hospital.

My family within Fairmont City would benefit greatly from better access off the highway into O'Fallon where the hospital world currently want to move to. The enhance technology would benefit the whole region that normally would go into St. Louis for services not offered in the Metro Area.

I support the move to improve health care needs for the entire region and add more services to a growing region.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Leonardo Chavez

1719 Page Ave.

Belleville, Illinois 62221

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing in support of this project.

I have lived in the Metro East since 1973 and have worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital since 1979.

We have used St. Elizabeth's Hospital services whenever possible including a wide variety of in-patient and out-patient services such as surgery, x-ray, pain management, laboratory, and delivery of our children to name a few.

Relocating to O'Fallon will greatly benefit the region. The present Belleville location is inconvenient for most people. The downtown Belleville traffic, the one way streets, and not being close to main highways makes it's location less than ideal for a hospital. Also, as an employee I have experienced and witnessed the inconvenience and frustration of limited technology and constant upkeep/maintenance that goes along with the older building.

I don't feel the mission of St. Elizabeth's Hospital is solely to Belleville as many people have implied, but to the entire region. When the hospital first came into existence Belleville was the center of the region. Demographics have changed. O'Fallon is a better area for present and future demographics where health care is concerned. Even though Memorial Hospital has a satellite hospital close by, St. Elizabeth's Hospital will be the only full service hospital there. It will be a further commute for my family and me, but that is a small price to pay for the betterment of health care.

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,

Mrs. Hope Kaemmerer

10219 Lenzburg East Rd

Lenzburg, IL 62255

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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 am a resident of Highland, Illinois and have lived in this area my entire life. I am a past president of the Highland Civic Woman's Club, past Chairwoman of the St. Paul Pastoral Council, and current 2nd VP of the Highland Area Community Foundation, among other civic memberships.

In the past, I worked in Physical Therapy at a St. Louis hospital, then 26 years at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, and for the past 6 years, as that hospital's Outreach Liaison. In my previous clinical role, and in my current role in healthcare, I see daily the need for coordinated and readily available healthcare services for those in my community. A complicating factor in receiving a higher level of healthcare, was the perception we needed to leave the state of IL to obtain it. When both family members and my previous patients would talk of their care in the MO hospitals compared to the care they received in Highland, they spoke of the more attentive care they received locally; the problem was our hospital isn't equipped to provide care to sicker patients.

Having St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital more centrally located to the communities it serves, will help not only with easier access and decrease the need to leave Illinois, but allow a continuity of care between St. Elizabeth's and the hospital in Highland.

I have seen first hand what it is to be employed for over 30 years in a building that was increasingly unable to advance services requiring high levels of technology because of the lack of infrastructure. With a positive decision from the forward thinking Review Board, I am certain that St. Elizabeth's will be able to better serve the patients of our area in the new, central location.

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,

Mrs. Laurie Frank

2819 Eiffel Dr.

Highland, Illinois 62249

Laurie Frank

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I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Jaco

1401 7th St

Highland, IL 62249

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I have lived in the Metro East area for 26 years.

I have many neighbors and friends that go to St. Elizabeth's for medical care, especially for cardiac and stroke care.

The hospital will be more conviently located. I will be able to reach the hospital at the new location within 15 minutes. Currently,I drive 30 minutes to reach St. Elizabeth's hospital.

St. Elizabth's needs more update technology such as faster wireless internet and private bathrooms for patients.

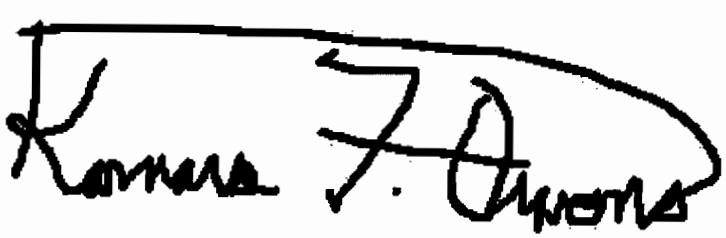
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kamara Owens

607 Mary Jane St.

Lebanon, IL 62254



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I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and have lived in the area for 31 years. In college, I worked in the Admitting department for five years. My parents both worked at the hospital in their college years as well. I met my husband while working at St. Elizabeth's and he is still employed there.

My son was born at St. Elizabeth's three years ago. The care my family received was phenomenal. St. Elizabeth's is the 'go to' hospital of choice for my family.

The replacement hospital will be very convenient for me and my family. I am excited to see the state of the art facilities and modern conveniences in the new hospital.

In addition to the above mentioned reasons, I appreciate the mission of the Catholic Sisters and what they have done for the entire region. I am looking forward to that mission continuing for many years to come.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca Claxton

302 S. Hilgard St.

O Fallon, IL 62269

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

We recently moved to the Metro East region from Idaho.

I am currently employed as the Director of Finance at St. Elizabeth, but am I also a consumer of healthcare in the area.

In my role as the Director of Finance I can support many reasons for the new facility. First the facility is past it's useful life. Contrary to what others have stated, the building cannot simply be rehabilitated such as Lindenwood did to the old Bellevelle west campus. Lindenwood had the opportunity to rehab the campus as it was vacant. We do not have that luxury at St. Elizabeth. Secondly the footprint of the current St. Elizabeth's campus is not suited to future expansion/renovations. HSHS and St. Elizabeth have not neglected the current campus; rather they have invested millions of dollars each year in capital funds to maintain the building. As everyone knows past inventions cannot always keep up with new technologies. For example you cannot take a Model T and upgrade it with a new engine and electronics, it simply doesn't work. Why do we expect a 50+ old building to be able to support the technologies of today?

By locating the replacement facility along Interstate 64, access is improved for the vast majority of our patients and others in the Metro East region. Many of those opposed to the project state that there will be duplication of services if St. Elizabeth is allowed to build their replacement facility in O'Fallon. However both St. Elizabeth and Memorial Hospital currently service the entire Metro East region. Currently the two campus who offer complete duplication of services are less than 4 miles apart. I do not see how building a replacement facility 7 miles away will now cause a duplication of services; especially when the satellite campus of Memorial will not offer all the services that St. Elizabeth's replacement facility will offer.

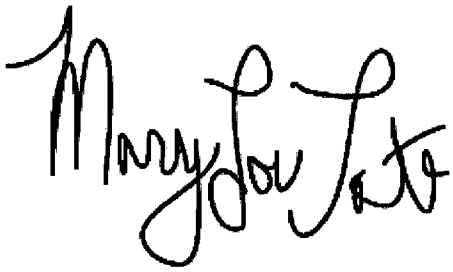
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Lou Tate

1118 Hearthstone Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the area for 12 continuous years and off and on since attending Mascoutah HS in 1968-1970. I retired from the USAF in 2000 and I presently work at Scott AFB as a senior Civil Servant.

My wife, my children, and my parents have all been attended to by ST. Elizabeth's Hospital for both minor and major health issues and we have received nothing but outstanding care and support.

It goes without saying that relocating the hospital facility to O'Fallon will provide my family greater access for acute and critical care as well provide our local community with a first class health care facility.

When I consider the third and fourth order of effects the relocation will provide with this more centralized location, the entire multi-county area will witness greater care access, a more technologically advanced facility providing all of the metro-east with more advanced health capabilities, and greater economic development that would promote a healthier life style for all Southwest Illinois residences.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. (Ret) Tom Bennett

801 Indian Springs Rd

O Fallon, Illinois 62269

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I have only recently moved to this area(9 months ago) and was surprised to find that the closest hospital is in Belleville. As a pharmacist, there is definitely a need for a hospital closer and with the newest technology. The location right off of Highway 64 is a perfect location as well as it will be very convenient. Trying to find the 2 hospitals in Belleville in the middle of town was quite difficult for me as a newcomer to the area. I believe in the idea of having choices of where to go for my healthcare and I truly believe that St. Elizabeth's is a great resource for my healthcare needs.

I have not actually used a St. Elizabeth's hospital but I have already used the urgent care, physical therapy center, mammography, xray technology, and my family physician is at St. Elizabeth's in O'Fallon. I love all the people there. They are all very friendly but parts of the center are dated and a new hospital with the latest technology would really benefit this community.

I think the biggest benefit would be enhanced technology but the close location and ease of location would be a huge benefit as well.

As a pharmacist, I know that healthcare is constantly changing and I believe that this hospital would make huge improvements to the care of the local community.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristi Naji

417 MARBLETON CIR

O Fallon, IL 62269

Dr. Kristi Noj

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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 support St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a registered nurse working at St. Elizabeth's hospital. I love and appreciate the history of the German nuns who braved the rough seas and founded our beloved hospital in Belleville, however; the tiny critical care patient rooms, insufficient storage, and puny hallways and elevators that make fitting both your patient and their necessary medical equipment fit an extremely arduous process!!! It is long past due!!! For nurses' sake and patient's sake we desperately need to build a new facility that will meet our needs to provide and receive excellent care.

I currently work as a nurse at St. Elizabeth's hospital in the critical care unit.

I believe having appropriate room sizes, a centralized unit storage room (not five!), larger hallways, and elevators will make it easier for staff and patients. Also, I support individualized patient rooms and bathrooms to help control spread of hospital acquired infections. In addition, it would be safer if staff restrooms and break room were within the unit.

I feel this move is necessary to provide better care for our patients.

I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Keysha Pochopien

1559 Sinking Springs Dr

O'Fallon, IL 62269

K. A. Pochopien

November 23, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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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 work at a manufacturing facility in Sauget and live in O'fallon with my wife and kids.

We have not been connected to St. Elizabeth's at all.

O'fallon needs better access to a hospital.

It is about 30 minutes to the closest hospital from O'fallon. This does not seem right for a community with a population of over 25,000 and is growing. One of our friends had to drive her 2-year old son for nearly 30 minutes following a fall for him to receive stitches. That incident has made me concerned about O'fallon's proximity to a hospital.

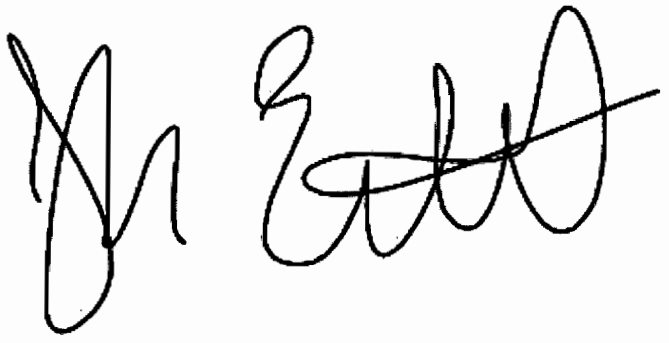
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joe Ertel

1138 Hearthstone Drive

O'fallon , Il 62269



November 23, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Metro East for the past 22 years. I am also an Ear, Nose and Throat physician and have served the Metro East and surrounding communities for the same period of time.

I am a member of the Medical Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Memorial Medical Center and have worked at both hospitals since I started my practice in 1992.

Both of these hospitals are Regional Medical Centers and they provide medical services to an area that is much larger than just Belleville, Illinois. On any given day more than 70% of the inpatient population at St. Elizabeth's is from outside of Belleville. As an ENT Specialist I am constantly asked to accept patients in transfer from the many smaller hospitals in surrounding communities. These hospitals usually cannot provide specialty care and therefore St. Elizabeth's is vital to the care of these patients too!

St. Elizabeth's Hospital is an aging facility that hopefully will continue to offer excellent healthcare to the entire Metro East region. I'm afraid that if they are not given this opportunity to further their mission they will not survive. This would be bad for not just Belleville, but for the entire region.

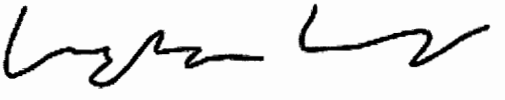
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Dr. Murray Mcgrady

18 lake lorraine ct.

swansea, IL 62226



November 23, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I lived in Belleville about 25 years and now reside in Shiloh, Illinois.

I am a physician currently employed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital by HSHS Medical Group. I also have my own private outpatient practice across the street from the hospital. I've been in practice over 21 years and prior to that worked as an RN and a Nurses Aid at St. Elizabeth's.

It is well documented that the physical plant of St. Elizabeth's is such that replacement and relocation is the best financial solution. But that alone is not the reason for choosing O'Fallon over a site in Belleville. The majority of our patients who require hospitalization live outside of Belleville. It makes more sense therefore, to relocate to an area closer and more accessable to the greater number of people we serve. Even those opposed to the move cannot ignore that they themselves have not utilized the services at St. Elizabeth's to their full capacity. If so, the research done would have supported their views. The proposal for an ancillary care center to remain in Belleville along with several medical offices would more than answer the needs of that population of Belleville and the surrounding communities. A new updated, full service hospital located along I-64 would meet the needs of a larger population as well as draw young new physicians to Southern Illinois, where the need is great.

Again I request that you approve the CON for the Sisters of St. Elizabeth and let them show the community how they can truly meet the needs of outpatient care in Belleville as well as inpatient care in O'Fallon, closer to the larger population seeking their services.

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,

Dr. Randy Jung

65 Acorn Lake Drive

Belleville, Illinois 62221

Randy J Jung MD

November 24, 2014

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 O'fallon in the Metro East region of Illinois for 5 years. I work with the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) as System Pharmacist of Technology and Operations. In my role I support employees across HSHS in Illinois and Wisconsin.

My wife, friends, and mother-in-law have all been patients at St Elizabeth's Hospital. My son has been born at St Elizabeth's and we also see Dr. Climaco our primary care physician who is a part of the HSHS medical group. We have always received exemplary care by those working at St Elizabeth's Hospital.

Building a regional medical center in O'fallon would be a huge boost to the community. O'fallon, Illinois is one of the quickest growing communities that doesn't have a large medical center to support the community. If we need access to care it is quicker and easier for my wife and I to cross the river and receive specialty care. The location for the O'fallon replacement hospital is an important location as it will be central to the Metro-East and provide easier access to resources through I-64 and surrounding highways. This location will give St Elizabeth's the area to continue supporting the poor and needy and further expand as the O'fallon area continues to grow and thrive.

As an IT pharmacist I have very aware of the needs of today's enhanced technology. Working in a building that was built over 100 years ago can't support the physical demands of technology today. With a replacement facility we will be able to better embrace today's technology and deliver even better care for our patients. It is of paramount importance for the future of our Metro East area to build a regional medical center directly off of I-64. This will improve access to needed healthcare resources in area and keep business in Illinois rather than across the river.

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,

Dr. Joshua Schmees

1049 Nottinghill Dr

O'fallon, IL 62269

Josh Schmess

November 24, 2014

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 am writing this letter in support of St. Elizabeth's replacement Hospital off of I-64 in O'Fallon, IL.

I have lived in the metro east for 28 years and am a mother of two small children who have received all of their health care at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. About four years ago my son fell and suffered a laceration to his forehead which as a nurse I knew would require stitches. We immediately drove in the direction of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It takes approximately 25 minutes to get from my home to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's current location. Upon exiting off of Illinois route 15onto Illinois route 159; we were met with heavy traffic causing a significant delay in getting my son to the hospital. After finally arriving at the hospital we learned that one of the many events held in downtown Belleville was occurring and that Illinois route 159 traffic was backed up due to detouring traffic around the downtown square. The square is only a few blocks from St. Elizabeth's Hospital and this traffic back up occurs often. The delay I experienced is not a lone occurrence, but has been met many times by ambulance personnel attempting to reach our facility for more life threatening emergencies.

I have been employed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital for over 8 years and currently reside as the Patient Safety Officer. St. Elizabeth's is an amazing place to work and to receive healthcare, however there are limitations that can be eliminated by moving to a new state of the art facility in O'Fallon. Currently, we stumble over obstacles such as narrow doorways and structural barriers which prevent us from using the most state of the art technology for our patients because they simply do not fit. Other concerns regarding our hospital include the aging structure, ancient boiler, and multiple roofs which take large amounts of money to maintain. Our mission could be better delivered if this money could be spent on caring for those who are underserved. A new facility offers hope that we will continue to provide care for many years to come to those in need and not waste money unnecessarily for things that have no value to the sick. This new location is merely seven miles from our current location. We are dedicated to our patients and expect that they will follow us to our new location to receive our outstanding quality care. Though I live in New Athens, IL and will have to drive a few minutes farther to work and for healthcare, it is worth the peace of mind knowing that our healthcare team will have to tools they need in a state of the art facility to provide region leading healthcare for years to come.

Sincerely,
Leigh-Ann White
Leigh-Ann White BSN, RN, CPHQ
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New Athens, IL 62264

November 17, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's plan to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

I'm currently an employee of the hospital and have been for the past 6 years. I'm also a resident of Belleville. Over the past 6 years, I have seen firsthand the limitations the facility in Belleville has placed upon our operations. Annually, we spend millions of capital dollars on renovations and maintaining a 60 year old building. To rebuild on the existing land would cost substantially more than building a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

St. Elizabeth's is committed to providing quality care to our region and this commitment will not change at the new location. In fact, the new facility will afford us the opportunity to provide a higher quality of care with state of the art equipment and technology. Not to mention, the new location, in close proximity to interstate 64, is more centrally located to the patients we serve. Lastly, it will not be land locked as the Belleville facility is.

I ask that the review board vote to approve St. Elizabeth's plan to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance the healthcare for all residents of the Metro East Region.

Sincerely,

Hellice Moore

Hellice Moore

301 Sumter Drive

Belleville, IL 62221

November 19, 2014

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:

My name is Dr. David Finlay and it's my pleasure to add another supportive voice to those in favor of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital off I-64 in St. Clair County. Allowing St. Elizabeth's to move forward with plans will allow this region to better compete with St. Louis and provide access to a higher level of care for patients who call this region home.

I firmly believe that St. Elizabeth's board and management should not continue to invest in a deteriorating facility that offers no room for growth. Instead, I would argue that it is a better use of healthcare dollars to build a technologically advanced, efficient hospital that will provide better health care.

For these reasons I support the relocation of St. Elizabeth's to O'Fallon, and I urge the board to approve this project.

Sincerely,

David Finlay MD.

311 West Lincoln, #200
Belleville, IL. 62220

November 19, 2014

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

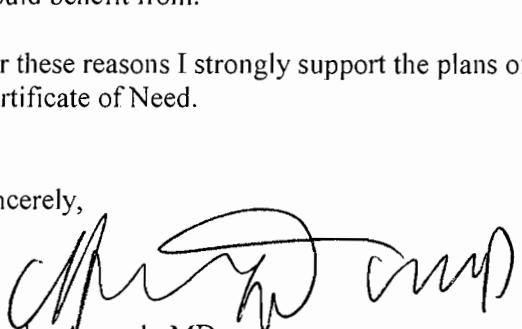
Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Charles Ampadu and it is my pleasure to add another supportive letter for those in favor of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon Illinois. I understand how important it is for patients to trust their physician and feel confident that an excellent medical center is nearby and available, especially in an emergency.

I currently practice in East St. Louis and I treat a similar patient population to St. Elizabeth's. This new hospital will provide care to more people in underserved areas and reach out to a greater number of low-income residents. The new location will also provide a more modern hospital with the latest technology, so patients will experience the benefits of advanced care. A final point to note is that a more modern facility with advances in technology will attract specialist to the area that patients throughout the region would benefit from.

For these reasons I strongly support the plans of St. Elizabeth's, and I urge the board to approve the Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,



Charles Ampadu MD.

100 North 8th Street
East St. Louis, IL. 62201

November 19, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Shabbir Shaikh and I am an independent internal medicine physician that has been on the medical staff at St. Elizabeth's since 1997.

I admit patients to both Belleville Memorial and at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Both hospitals do a good job taking care of my patients and I have the utmost respect for the nurses and other clinicians who work at both hospitals.

I support St. Elizabeth's regional vision to relocate modernize and be more centrally located to the patient population they serve.

By relocating St. Elizabeth's has the opportunity to provide enhanced health care resources for the region and decrease outmigration to the St. Louis area.

I would like the ability to admit more patients to our hospitals right here in St. Clair County and I strongly support the relocation of St. Elizabeth's to the O'Fallon community.

Sincerely,

Shabbir Shaikh MD

4600 Memorial Drive #G-20

Belleville, IL. 62226

November 19, 2014

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:

My name is Dr. Jawad Khan and I am an independent Family Medicine physician that practices in Belleville. I am currently on staff at both Belleville Memorial and at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

I can speak for myself and the partners in my group when I say that we are confident in the communication and treatment both hospitals provide our patients.

I also stand strong in my conviction that denying St. Elizabeth's the opportunity to modernize their facility and relocate to a central location for the patient population they treat is not right for the region.

This region needs a facility that can bring the latest technology and attract more specialists to this area, and allow patients that reside in Illinois to be taken care of here in Illinois.

I strongly support the efforts of St. Elizabeth's in being a region leading hospital, and I urge the board to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Jawad Khan MD
8601 West Main Street
Belleville, IL. 62223

Gateway Healthcare Ltd
8601 W. Main Street Suite 101
Belleville, IL 62223

November 19, 2014

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:

My name is Dr. Mazhar Lakho and I have been practicing internal medicine in Belleville since 1990.

I admit patients to both Belleville Memorial and at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Both hospitals do a good job taking care of my patients and I have the utmost respect for the nurses and other clinicians who work at both hospitals.

I have to say though that I am disappointed that some people want to deny St. Elizabeth's the opportunity to modernize and be more centrally located to the patient population they serve.

There is no sound reason why St. Elizabeth's should be denied the opportunity to provide enhanced health care resources for the region.

I recognize the two hospitals compete.

But the community needs to realize the real competition is across the river in St. Louis.

I would like the ability to admit more patients to our hospitals right here in St. Clair County and I strongly support the relocation of St. Elizabeth's to the O'Fallon community.

Sincerely,

Mazhar Lakho MD

Mazhar Lakho MD

4600 Memorial Drive #310

Belleville, IL. 62226

November 20, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Latha Ravi and I'm a strong supporter of St. Elizabeth's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I have been on staff at St. Elizabeth's Hospital practicing Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation since 1986. As a physician I always want the best care for my patients and I believe the staff at St. Elizabeth's does a great job supporting patients and their families. However, a new modern facility designed with better technology and physical space will allow for a better treatment environment for patients. It would even enable family members to stay with patients when desired and daily activity training in the room to be more ideal. All of these improvements would lead to better patient satisfaction and better overall healing experience. For these reasons, I stand with St. Elizabeth's and their plans for a new facility in O'Fallon IL. It is my hope that the board would approve the Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

Ravi Latha

Latha Ravi MD.

180 S. Third St. # 102
Belleville, IL. 62220

November 21, 2014

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:

My name is Dr. Wasseem El-Aneed and currently I practice medicine as a Hospitalist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Before joining the HSHS system as a physician, I practiced Hospitalist medicine within a St. Louis based system. I understand there are two hospitals in Belleville that compete, but the true competition is across the river in St. Louis.

The vision St. Elizabeth's has of providing region leading medicine, in a more modern and easily accessible location for the patients they serve is a great vision for the region. I strongly support the plans of St. Elizabeth's and ask that the board approve the project, to allow the region to benefit.

Sincerely,

Wasseem El-Aneed MD.

211 S. Third Street
Belleville, IL. 62220

November 22, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery,
Administrator
Illinois Department of Public Health
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 project

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's request to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

I am both an employee of St. Elizabeth's and a resident Belleville, therefore I have first hand knowledge of the physical complications of the current facility and the environmental barriers of the building's site, including one-way streets and lack of parking.

Part of my job duties as a Manager is to round on patients and help address any issues or listen to comments. Over and over I hear how our staff provides excellent care as they overcome many issues with the aging building. Negative comments note how difficult it was to park, how the layout of the long hallways is confusing to visitors, and how navigating in the small patient rooms with large beds and other medical equipment is a chore for both the patient and the caregivers. In general, I mostly hear "You need a new hospital." And, we do.

To keep our mission-driven care close and accessible to the residents of the entire southwestern Illinois region and continue to compete with hospitals in the St. Louis market, St. Elizabeth's needs to build a replacement facility. I encourage the Review Board to approve this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Barbeau

Kelly M. Barbeau
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November 20, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in Belleville, Illinois for the past 12 years. I am 2.3 miles from the present building. I fully support the building of a new facility on the O'Fallon location. It is the most practical decision possible. Every hospital in the greater St. Louis area is off of a major highway. This is no mistake. It is strategic for patient access. Patients in our region deserve 21st Century medicine delivered in a 21st Century building that can accommodate state of the art equipment. This is not be a decision that should be made for emotional reasons. It is practical. When modern medicine is needed and minutes count patients will not care that they are in a building that their parents were born in.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region. I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Branson MSN RN CNOR
410 North 41st Street
Belleville, Illinois

Signature

Deborah A Branson

November 18, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

As a resident of the metro-east region I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, IL. I have lived in the metro-east all of my life and have been employed at St. Elizabeth's for 25 years. Over the years, several members of my family have been employed at the hospital as well.

Throughout the years, my family and I have received excellent medical care at St. Elizabeth's. We have always been very happy with the services provided by the facility and staff. The O'Fallon full-service replacement hospital will be a great benefit to all of the communities in the area due to its great, convenient location near the interstate. The brand new, state of the art, facility will allow the HSHS mission to continue its commitment to provide excellent health care services to the entire region.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project and I urge you to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

Beth Straub

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November 17, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

My wife and I grew up in St. Louis Missouri and enjoyed access to world class hospitals within minutes of our houses. Unfortunately this is not the case in O'Fallon Illinois. Our family has been in O'Fallon for more than twenty years and we have raised our four children here. I cannot begin to count the number of trips we have made to St. Louis for medical care. We were ecstatic to hear that St. Elizabeth's would be expanding in our area and surprised to learn that anyone would object. I would sleep better knowing that should one of our children require urgent care that there would be a full service, modern hospital in town.

I am also a business owner in O'Fallon; beyond my personal reasons for supporting the expansion, I would love to see the additional jobs and resulting economic development this project will bring to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project. I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

John Unger
167 Hodgens Mill Lane
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

November 14, 2014

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'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the O'Fallon, IL area for 22 years. St. Elizabeth's has always been my hospital of choice. I was a patient in the Emergency Department and received great care but the rooms were small and cramped. My parents took turns coming back to stay with me because there was not enough room for all of us. The whole department looked cramped and it seemed to be stressful for the staff because of not enough area to work in. I am a Belleville resident and the new replacement facility is about equal distance for me as compared to the present facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region. I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Catherine Kaus

Elizabeth Catherine Kaus

1730 Shadow Ridge Crossing, #5

Belleville, IL 62221

November 14, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the O'Fallon, IL area for 22 years. St. Elizabeth's has always been my hospital of choice. My best friend's father was in critical condition in the ICU and I went to visit him. The patient room was very small, dark, did not have a door, and did not have a private toilet. The room was so small the family had to take turns coming in because they could not be there all together. The small window in the room was behind a big column and no one could enjoy looking outside. The waiting room is ridiculously small. My friend's family has 4 sons, all of whom are very big guys. The conditions were uncomfortable. I'm looking forward to a modern hospital that is designed for patient care and safety with all the newest medical technology. Finally, I am a Belleville resident and the new replacement facility will be closer to me than the current facility is now.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region. I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

William Grant Kaus

William Grant Kaus

2254 Mallard Bend Court

Belleville, IL 62221

10/31/14

Hello My Name is Susan Sikra.

I have work at St Elizabeth for 10 yrs
I enjoy my job very much and I cant
wait to see what the future has
for me. I support the new hospital

Susan Sikra
22 Woodlawn Cir
Belleville, IL

11/3/14

HELLO My NAME is Shonte Bournes
I Am a [redacted] employee at St. Elizabeths
I HAVE Been here for 8 years, i Enjoy
and I Am Looking for the New Hospital
to be Build i support You 100%
Lets MAKE it HAppen...!

THANK U
Shonte Bournes
312 North 10th Street
Belleville IL 62220

Dear Ms. Avery

I'm Writing in to support St. Elizabeth's Hospital Plans to build a replacement hospital in O'fallon

This is a nice place to work and I Love every one that works here my mother passed in this hospital and they were soo nice to use they help us in so more ways that is why I Support them In every Way I Can.

Sincerely

Kendranna Whiston
609 S 66th
East St Louis IL, 62207
618-250-8508

Kendranna Whiston

11/03/14

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to support St Elizabeth's hospital. I love this hospital and would love to see some positive changes. I have had many great times and experiences here.

Sincerely,

Catherine Marci Therese Mueller
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cmtmueller@sbcglobal.net

Catherine Mueller 11-3-14

Dear Ms. Avery

I Tina Holland, Im writing in support OF ST. Elizabeth's Hospital plan to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon

I have been a employee of the HSHS for 5 year's it's has been a pleasure and I hope that we can come to gether to make this happen for all of us. thank you for the opportunity to state my support.

Sincerely,

Tina Holland
539 N 31 St.
E. St. Louis IL, 62205
(618) 363-4475 OR (618) 558-6688

Tina Holland
11-3-14

Dear Ms. Avery

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeths Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

The O'Fallon location will allow St. Elizabeths Hospital room for future growth to meet the medical demands for this area

Thank You for the opportunity to state my support for this important project.

Respectfully yours
Debra Brimm
2714 W. 20th St
Granite City, Il 62040
618-604-2493
Nov 3, 2014
Debra Brimm

November 03, 2014

Ms. Christine Knous
Healthcare Cook
St. Elizabeth's Hospital
211 South Third Street
Belleville, Il 62220

RE: **In Support of Project #14-043** for St. Elizabeth's Hospital to build a replacement Hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

Dear Support Panel:

I have been an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 25 years. My job is to **care** for the Nutritional needs of patients. Our patients not only come from St. Clair County, but also include surrounding areas in Illinois and St. Louis, Mo.

Our hospital is over 100 years old. We are in need of a replacement facility so that we can serve patients with the upmost advanced technology and comfort. Our community and loved ones deserves that **respect**!

I trust our leaders here at St. Elizabeth's hospital and the decisions they make. Confidence in my employer and they in me enables me to serve the community with complete professionalism and **competence**.

It gives me great **joy** to be writing this letter. I am lucky to be employed at St Elizabeth's hospital, and for such a length of time. There are not too many people who can say they have accomplished that in a lifetime. Today I want to give back to St. Elizabeth's Hospital all they have given and continue to give to me.

Please support our Hospital Mission of **Care, Competence, Respect, and Joy**. Help us to serve many more patients, relocating only 7 miles away from where we are today. We are for community; we are for people in need!

Sincerely,
Christine L Knous
Christine Knous
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ckhospitality@live.com

November 6, 2014

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 was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing to support this project.

My daughter recently had outpatient surgery at St. Elizabeth's. She received some of the best care and compassion I have ever witnessed from hospital employees, and had a fabulous outcome, however; it's clear that the building is in need of repairs of which cannot be accommodated on the current campus. It's exciting to know they are building a regional healthcare facility for not only Belleville residents, but all residents of Southern Illinois.

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,

Norma Sexton

Norma Sexton
RR#3 Box 196
Roodhouse, IL 62082

217 589-5531

November 6, 2014

To who it may concern:

This letter is in reference to the need of a new hospital. I agree that a new facility is needed. Yes at some point the old facility was a great structure and still is in some ways but, it is ill equipped for new technology and would be extremely costly to retrofit anything new. The need for a new facility is great. We would be able to have more specialty doctors, up to date equipment (which is needed badly) and with that being said it would mean even better care for patients when there. The doctors and staff at the hospital are wonderful and I personally would like to see a new facility so that the doctors would not have to send so many patients across the river to St. Louis, that in itself takes away revenue for the hospital and community. I strongly urge you to consider a new facility and if you stop and think there will still be services offered at or near the current hospital once a new one is built. We as a community need an updated hospital so that our care is better managed with current technology.

Again, I strongly urge the commitee to consider allowing the new hospital to be built for the health and well being of our community as a whole. I truly believe it is the right thing to do for all.

Sincerely,

Neldia Roark

Dear Ms Aver,

My name is Yee Chiu, I have been working at St Elizabeth for 4 years. I support the new project of building the new hospital.

My daughter is a physician at this hospital. We are pleased with the service and will definitely continue to get care from St Elizabeth.

Thank you

Yee Hing Chiu

4609 Old CasyvilleRd, IL 62223

11/11/2014

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Shanelle Gines and I support St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Shanelle Gines

Shanelle Gines.
1048 Brookshire Ct, #7
Belleville, IL 62221

Dear Ms. Autry

My Name is Jean Shoemaker
and I support St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Jean Shoemaker
Jean Shoemaker
301 N. August
Mascoutah Il. 62258

Dear, Mrs Avery

My name is Lynette Wright and I have been employed at St Elizabeth for 14 years, and I have stay in E. St Louis all of my life. And I Support St. Elizabeth more.

Lynette Wright Lynette Wright
613 Jefferson St
East Saint Louis Il
62205

Dear Ms. Avery I am writing to support St. Elizabeth.

Anthony Loveless

Anthony Loveless Jr.
7615 W Main Str Apt 4
618-520-2200
anthony.loveless@yahoo.com

St. Es

My name is Lynne Rick. I have worked at this hospital for over 19 years. My children were born here, and my beautiful Mother died here. Its time for a change. This hospital is old and things are breaking down all the time. I am for getting a new hospital. Please let that happen.

Thank You

Lynne Rick

Lynne Rick
114 Gilbert st
Swansea, Il
62226

DEAR MS. AVERY

I SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH'S
building A NEW HOSPITAL

Tina Swain

TINA SWAIN
404 S. FERREL
Columbia IL
62236

I Support the project for Saint Elizabeth for many reasons. We have an outdated and old hospital. The repairs and upkeep is costly. The new hospital will give us the option the give better quality care with newer machines, equipment to better serve them. The new location will draw our public better it is easier to access.

Our hospital is like a family and we have a love for our patients. And we will take that to our to the new hospital.

Barbara Willis

Barbara Willis

2928 Otto St.
Belleville, Il 62226

Nov. 11, 2014

Ms Courtney Avery
Administrator
Ill. Health Facilities + Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, Il. 62761

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

Dear Ms Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeths Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I was at the dedication of the New St. Elizabeths Hospital in Belleville June 1958.

I have been a volunteer at the hospital since 1987. I am well aware of the many reasons why we need a replacement hospital.

The doors leading into the patients bathrooms are too narrow to get a wheel chair and walker through.

We need more and larger diagnostic rooms and the newest

equipment.

Wiring is outdated. Cell phones only works in a few areas. We are landlocked.

Our elevators are original equipment and are always breaking down. Parts always have to be special made.

I still love our original hospital but it is time to move on.

The new hospital will have immediate access to highway 64 no other hospital in the area has this access for emergency vehicles which will get patients to the hospital fast.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my support to this important project in the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Sharon Weeks
8518 Jefferson Rd
Freeburg, Il. 62243
(618) - 539 - 5121

9/13/14

St Elizabeth Hospital
3rd & Lincoln St
Belleville, IL. 62221

To Whom it May Concern

We just want you to know we are behind your effort to build a new hospital for our Region. We know it will attract more patients & doctors as well as expand your mission to reach a greater population than it does at this time. If there is anything else we can do to assist, please advise. Sincerely,

Carol & Freddie Tucker

The Tucker Family
5 Bel Rose St.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

I AM IN FAVOR OF MOVING TO O'FALLON.

PATRICIA GIBBS

2306 PARKLAND ~~PARK~~ BLVD APT #2
SHILOH, IL. 62269

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November 24, 2014

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'm writing in support of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

I am currently a resident of Smithton, Illinois and an employee of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital for more than 5 years. As a current employee, I see the struggle for our facility to update building regulations and continue paying for the current facility to meet higher quality standards. Our colleagues deliver the best care possible; however our facility footprint cannot mean the challenges affecting healthcare institutions today. A regional medical center would mean vastly improved medical technology and better services for the poor and Metro East region.

The new O'Fallon replacement hospital will provide additional services to match the growing O'Fallon community. This building will vastly improve technology for patients that deserve the newest and best facility available.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this project. I urge to vote to approve the project.

Sincerely,

Louisa Blackwood

Louisa Blackwood
5220 Seagull Oak Lane
Smithton, IL 62285

November 24, 2014

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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'm writing in support of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

I am currently a resident of Smithton, Illinois and an employee of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital. As a current employee, I see the struggle and costs it takes to upkeep our current facility to a higher quality standards. Our colleagues deliver the best care possible however; I see the difficulty with our current outdated floor plans and smaller patient rooms. A regional medical center with updated medical technology will help us to better serve our patients, put our health care dollars to more effective use, and still provide support to the poor.

The location of the new O'Fallon replacement hospital will be more central to the Metro East region as well as poor. This will help provide improved services for even more of the Metro East. Our patients deserve the newest and best facility available as well as the latest technology available.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this project. I hope you will vote to approve the project.

Sincerely,

James Blackwood
5220 Seagull Oak Lane
Smithton, IL 62285

November 24, 2014

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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'm writing in support of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

I am currently a resident of O'Fallon, Illinois and an employee of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital. As a current employee, I see the struggle and costs it takes to upkeep the current facility to our high quality standards. However, our colleagues continue provide excellent care despite the outdated floor plans and smaller patient rooms. A new modern facility with updated medical technology will help us to better serve our patients, provide care to more patients, and put our health care dollars to more effective use.

The location of the new O'Fallon replacement hospital will also allow for easier access to many residents of St. Clair County and areas beyond. Our patients and colleagues deserve a new facility with updated, healing environments, and the newest available technologies.

I am excited to be a part of the future HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in this region.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this project. I hope you will vote to approve the project.

Sincerely,

Maggie Wong
745 Forest Green Drive
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

November 24, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

I grew up in Belleville and recently returned three years ago. I am currently an employee of the pharmacy department of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. My seven siblings and I were born here and my family and I have continued to utilize the services provided by St. Elizabeth's Hospital for many years following.

My family and I have always received excellent care at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and understand the limitations to a building that is over 100 years old. The building can no longer support the demands of today's technology and it is important to provide a newer facility that will have the updated technology in order to continue providing high quality patient care.

The new location in O'Fallon, Illinois will increase accessibility to health care to many more patients in the Metro East region. I look forward to continuing my care with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this project. I hope you will vote to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Thomas Renner

Thomas Renner
5 Cambridge Drive
Belleville, Illinois 62226

November 24th, 2014

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'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

My wife and I have lived in O'Fallon, Illinois in the Metro East region for the last 5 years. I am currently the System Pharmacist for Technology and Automation at Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS). My wife, son, family friends, and mother-in law have all used St. Elizabeth's Hospital services. Also I utilize Dr. Climaco as our primary care physician who is part of the HSHS Medical Group. We have all found that the care offered at St. Elizabeth's Hospital is excellent.

O'Fallon, Illinois is one of the fastest growing areas around St Louis and when I moved here over 5 years ago, I was quite surprised that a hospital didn't exist in the O'Fallon, Illinois area. From living in the area, it was quicker and easier to cross the river in St Louis and seek specialty services in the St Louis region. The O'Fallon regional medical center will provide great economic growth to the area and will sufficiently provide the wide the range services missing along I-64 and surrounding areas.

As an IT pharmacist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I can fully understand when a facility that is over 100 years old can no longer support today's technology demands. In order to provide efficient and effective care for tomorrow, the need for updated technology is vastly needed for the area as well as St Elizabeth's Hospital. The demands of healthcare have increased over the last 5 years and it is important to provide the ability for a facility to meet those demands for O'Fallon area, Metro East area, and most importantly the poor who deserve the best care possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region. I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

Joshua M Schmees
1049 Nottinghill Dr
O'Fallon, IL 62269

November 24, 2014

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'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am currently a resident of Mascoutah, Illinois and an employee of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. As an employee of St. Elizabeth's, I see the many resources needed to keep the building up to date with codes and regulations. Our colleagues continue to provide the best care possible despite the older facility and it limitations. A new regional medical facility would mean improvement in medical technology and a better use of health care dollars.

The new facility in O'Fallon will also be more central to the Metro East region, providing for more services to a larger area of St. Clair County and beyond.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this project. I hope you will vote to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Cheri Hunter
9679 Hayden Drive
Apartment 7
Mascoutah, IL 62258

November 24, 2014
Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I am a current pharmacy practice resident (PGY-1) at St. Elizabeth's in Belleville, IL. Within my short time at the hospital, I have recognized unmet needs within different departments. These unmet needs are directly related to an outdated facility currently serving Belleville. Being a new pharmacy practitioner within the healthcare field, I have recognized that St. Elizabeth's hospital strives to provide optimal care to every patient who enters our facility. Although we have provided optimal care to our patients, it is a constant uphill task to provide modern care within a facility that is more expensive to upkeep over a newly built hospital.

I currently live in Swansea, IL and find that the new locate of the future hospital will provide the best access for all patients within Southwestern Illinois. The current location of St. Elizabeth's within Belleville impedes quick and rapid critical care for all patients by being encompassed by numerous barriers to quick ambulance access and numerous stop lights.
The O'Fallon replacement hospital will be closer and more convenient for me as a practitioner to provide optimum patient care along Interstate 64. I'm also looking forward to a modern hospital that is designed for patient care and safety, with all the newest medical technology.
Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region. I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

Kyle Brennan
3751 Round Hill Rd Apt #10
Swansea, IL 62226

November 24, 2014

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'm writing to express my support of the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon. I've been employed by St. Elizabeth's for over 30 years. As the Director of Cardiovascular Services, I see the impact of the current location on a weekly basis. We provide emergent cardiac care to our sister hospitals in Breese and Highland. It is very difficult to maintain compliance with the standards of 90 minute door to balloon time for people having heart attacks. The downtown area of the City of Belleville is beautiful, trendy and a great place to enjoy drinks and a meal. It is not however a great place to have a hospital. The endless parades and festivals in the downtown square area make it nearly impossible to navigate on a regular basis.

The current hospital is old and is at a disadvantage due to the location and the inability to host new technology. Every time we evaluate a new procedure or technology advance, it is always more costly and delayed due to the nature of our infra-structure. Currently the ER and OR are located as far away from the Cath Lab as physically possible. This is a less than optimal location. We employ cumbersome daily "work arounds" to ensure the safety of our patients. Fortunately, the cardiology service line has continued to be successful and progressive with the support of our Prairie Cardiology physicians, however other service lines do suffer.

The people of this community would benefit from a full tertiary care center in this region (on this side of the river). In order to provide exceptional care in the competitive health care market, St. Elizabeth's has to invest in a new facility, closer to the people we serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region. I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Respectfully,

Bonita Schnieder

Bonita Schnieder, MS RT

Director Cardiovascular Service Line
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Breese, IL 62230

November 24, 2014

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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 am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

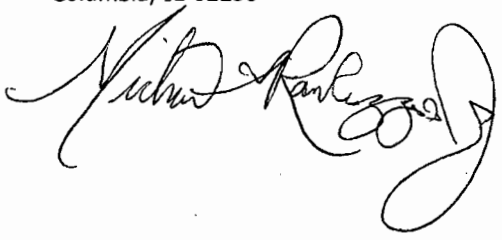
My wife and I have lived in Columbia, Illinois for several years, and all three of our children have been delivered at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Following the birth of our last child, my wife experienced severe hemorrhaging which required numerous blood transfusions and ultimately a partial hysterectomy. It was a difficult and scary time, but the hospital staff did a wonderful job of putting our fears at ease by delivering exceptional care during my wife's hospital stay.

In addition to having the experience of my wife being a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I have also been employed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the last ten years. I believe our patients deserve a modern hospital that is designed for patient care and safety, with all the newest medical technology. I also strongly believe the replacement hospital would allow our staff the opportunity to thrive in a new facility that is not hindered by the inability to further expand and develop.

I appreciate the opportunity to state my support for this important project in the Metro East region, and I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Randazzo, Jr.
540 LaCroix Way
Columbia, IL 62236



November 24, 2014

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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
52 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 am writing in support of the HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon along the I-64 corridor.

The current facility is obsolete, will be expensive to renovate, and is not in a location that will allow this hospital to expand its services for the next 100 years. In addition, with health systems re-focusing their energies on population health, it is prudent for HSHS to plan for ways to be more accessible to larger segments of its population service areas. Relocating along a major interstate with two exits is following trends than many health systems have already moved toward.

Given the amount of media attention surrounding this project, I thought it would be helpful to provide to you a summary of all of the Public support entries for this project that is not coming to you in the form of a letter. Attached is that summary for your review.

Based on the letters of support and the statements made in the media you can see there is strong community support for this project. I hope you strongly consider to support and approve this replacement hospital project.

Sincerely,

Amy Ballance
1317 Hap's Lane
O'Fallon, IL 62269

Public Support in the media for
Project #14-043

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SOUND-OFF

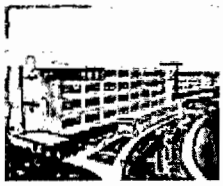
Late to be concerned

Where were all of these up-in-arms people in worrying about the lack of health care when both St. Mary's and Christian Welfare closed in East St. Louis? Nowhere, that's where they were. Belleville residents have to face it, their day in the sun is done. Time to move on. Put St. E's in O'Fallon, where the growth of the area is, and forget about it.

Compelling reasoning

I applaud Hospital Sisters Heath System's Amy Ballance for her balanced (no pun intended) and insightful guest column in the Nov. 16 BND on the proposed St. Elizabeth's Hospital relocation. Her detailed health care analysis of the region made a compelling case for St. Elizabeth's exit from Belleville in favor of a more effective and efficient location in O'Fallon.

Politics at play



It appears that Kevin Hutchinson, St. Clair County Health Department director, weighed in on the St. E's move for political reasons. He wrote that more than 5,000 households in East St. Louis and west Belleville don't have transportation to get health care. If that's his concern, why did he and the St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern allow Southern Illinois Healthcare to close the former St. Mary's Hospital and its emergency room? They didn't say one word to stop that closure. The only concern now is because both Kern and Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert have ties to the board of Memorial Hospital. Memorial has always tried to limit the number of Medicaid patients they receive yet Hutchinson has never taken a leadership role to correct that health care gap before. Building a new regional medical facility in the O'Fallon area would be in the best interest for the entire region. I wonder where Eckert, Kern and Hutchinson get their health care? I bet it's not St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Not an expert

I read the guest column by Patty Gregory, "St. E's plan is about wants not needs." I wonder where Gregory gets her knowledge. Has she ever rehabbed an old building? Afterward, it still has the same old problems. Gregory writes: St. Elizabeth's will leave Belleville because it's unprofitable, and by law they can't do that. How can the state make a company stay open if it can't pay its bills? She writes that the city is willing to work with St. E's. Is that working with them so the city can collect from the parking meters out front when people visit patients?

Elizabeth's Hospital leaving Belleville was that it is hard for people to get there and the hospital was landlocked. Then it was exposed that HSHS owns property around the hospital that they forgot or chose to ignore. So Belleville offered land near Southwestern Illinois College near MetroLink and Scott Air Force Base, with easy access to Green Mount Road. But then St. E's officials said they prefer to move to O'Fallon, where they will be in a residential neighborhood with poor travel access, so they can call themselves a regional hospital. I believe they purchased land before state consideration of their application to use as leverage in the decision-making process. I hope the state rejects this request and continues to protect the majority of the people.

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GUEST VIEW

Trust and respect St. E's decision

A wise man once said, "Never talk when you can listen." I have been listening to the debate regarding St. Elizabeth's Hospital and its proposed replacement project, and I now feel compelled to speak.

I grew up in Belleville, attending Belle Valley and Belleville East, as did my wife. Our parents still live in Belleville. We live on the Belleville-Shiloh border. Two of our children were delivered at St. E's and I had my appendix removed there in eighth grade. I decided to become a doctor during my recovery at St. E's. I have had the privilege to practice medicine in the surrounding communities of O'Fallon and New Baden since 1998, admitting patients to both Belleville hospitals. I am proud to call Belleville my hometown, but my pride must yield to the economic realities of modern healthcare delivery.

BOB FARMER

Questions have arisen as to the motivation for St. E's to relocate its primary campus to O'Fallon. Many have alleged St. E's is doing so strictly for financial purposes and is abandoning its mission. It is certainly no secret that St. E's has endured substantial operating losses for the last decade. Do financial implications play a role in the decision to relocate the hospital? Absolutely. When a business model is failing, one must change the model. In order to sustain the mission to care for the poor and vulnerable, it is imperative to operate in the black. If St. E's cannot operate with a margin, it will have less ability to serve those who most need it. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet are America's most generous philanthropists. Only by virtue of their business successes have they been able to pursue their altruistic endeavors. It takes money to help those in need. It takes money to fund the mission.

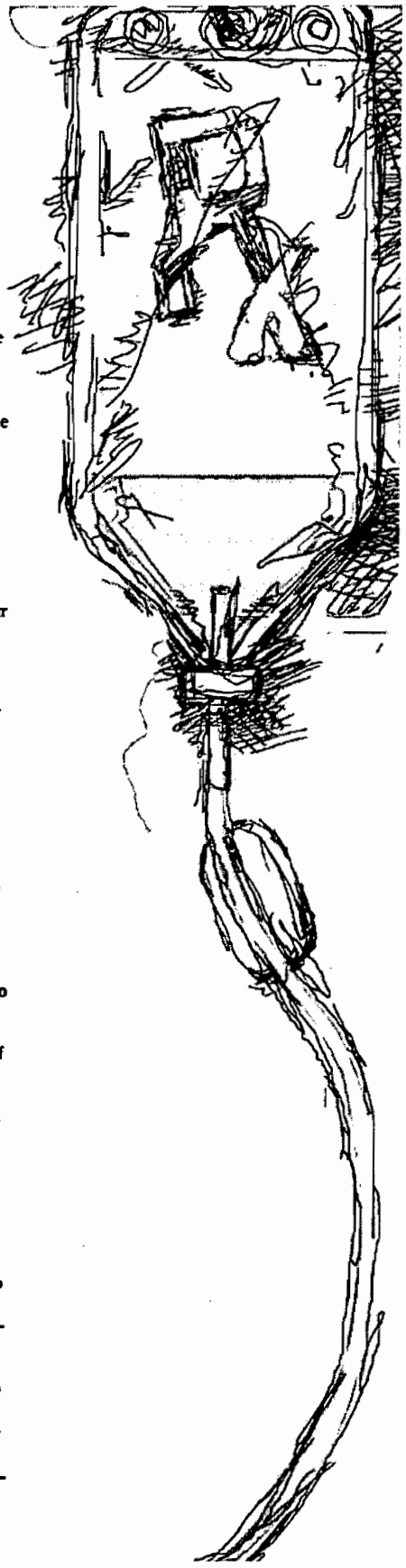
St. Elizabeth's and the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis have determined that the best approach to long term sustainability is to relocate to the O'Fallon I-64 corridor. St. E's, Memorial, and Barnes all own property here and all recognize the benefits of a larger patient base realized in this "medical mile." Even Memorial stated in their own certificate of need testimony in 2011 that the payor mix does not change, as a hospital based in this corridor would serve a region of patients, not just one community.

Will a new St. E's find success at a new location off of Interstate 64? I do not know, but my best guess is "yes." I do know that in order to sustain the mission that a new model must be found. Parties can argue incessantly as to whether a new hospital at a new location is the solution, but this is the path the Hospital Sisters have chosen as the best route to fulfill their ministry. With a track record of serving those most in need that dates back to 1875, I think we should trust and respect their decision. Perhaps we should grant them a little bit of latitude. I think they have earned that courtesy.

Dr. Bob Farmer is the HSHS medical director of the Southern Division.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

St. Elizabeth's project addresses needs of patients



Amy Ballance

In my role with HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital, I analyze health care data, which we use to objectively and thoughtfully plan for how to deliver the highest quality and most effective health care services. All of our planning has one goal in mind: to ensure we meet the needs of our patients, both today and in the future. With that context, I want to address some of the misinformation that was put forth by Patty Gregory in her guest column last Sunday.

First, our replacement hospital along Interstate 64 will not create an uneven distribution of hospital beds in the area. Rather, it will equalize hospital-based services for the region. Belleville has about 45,000 residents, as do the combined cities of O'Fallon and Shiloh. Yet Belleville has 554 licensed hospital beds while O'Fallon/Shiloh has 94 approved beds for Memorial East, which is still under construction. If St. Elizabeth's plans are approved, the O'Fallon/Shiloh area, which is the fastest growing area in the county, will have a total of 238 licensed beds and Belleville will have 210. This is a very reasonable and even approach to the distribution of licensed hospital beds.

It's also important to remember that more than 75 percent of St. Elizabeth's patients who are admitted for around-the-clock care live outside of Belleville. Our current hospital does not serve residents of one community over another. We care for patients who are admitted from across the region, whether they live in East St. Louis, Belleville or Breese. The health care needs of all of our patients were taken into account when planning our replacement hospital.

We serve a large geographical area, and where our patients come from is not expected to change, other than attracting an increased number of patients from currently underserved areas such as Caseyville and Venice. Because drive times decrease due to better access via I-64, we know that residents in 63 percent of the communities we currently serve will have shorter commutes to our replacement hospital. We recognize there are residents who live south of St. Elizabeth's who may be farther away from the replacement hospital. These residents account for less than 8 percent of our patients. We point this out not to say these patients are unimportant, but as we planned for a replacement hospital, we looked at how best to serve the health care needs of the vast majority of our patients.

As part of our planning, St. Elizabeth's also recognized that hospitals are seeing strong growth in ambulatory services while inpatient hospital visits are decreasing. Annually, about 6,000 patients visit St. Elizabeth's Emergency Department who could have been treated just as effectively at an urgicare facility. These patients will still have access to an urgicare facility in downtown Belleville. Despite what Ms. Gregory stated in her editorial, we have consistently stated since we announced our project on June 25 that we are committed to maintaining outpatient services on our current campus. This commitment is the result of looking at patient utilization data and doing what's best to meet the needs of all of our patients. While we enhance our outpatient services in Belleville, we are reducing the number of inpatient beds at our replacement hospital.

The residents of Belleville and the surrounding communities should know they will still have ample access to emergency services. Belleville Memorial currently has 10 more ER treatment bays than it needs, with capacity to treat an additional 20,000 ER patients annually. However, there is no reason to believe that the patients who need to visit the ER will not choose to go to the St. Elizabeth's ER along I-64 since the majority of our patients will live closer to that location than to our current campus. If a patient is traveling by ambulance, they are transferred to the closest ER.

Finally, St. Elizabeth's payer mix will not change. Mark Turner, CEO of Belleville Memorial, testified during their certificate of need hearing to redistribute their Emergency Department, inpatients beds, and outpatient services to Shiloh that their overall payer mix would not change. We agree with that statement and anticipate the payer mix of the population we serve to remain the same as well.

HSHS St. Elizabeth's plans for its replacement hospital were not based on our "wants." They were based on the needs of our patients in keeping with our mission to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality Franciscan health care ministry.

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SOUND-OFF_

Stop money chase

Take a good look at the map on A5 of the News-Democrat on Nov. 8, and anyone can see the move of St. Elizabeth's Hospital from Belleville to O'Fallon is a money chase. Only 51 beds left south of Illinois 15. St. E's should tear down its old building and rebuild in Belleville.

For the poor? Really?

There is a way for St. Elizabeth's Hospital to move its operation to O'Fallon and still prove its commitment to the poor. Just turn over the facility in Belleville to use of a homeless shelter. I'm sure the good Christian residents of Belleville will advocate for this because of their religious beliefs. Hospital administrators only care about the money and most Christians are hypocrites.

Move makes sense

Patty Gregory, an organizer of Stop the Move, knows nothing about St. Elizabeth's Hosptial's moving because she hasn't sat down with anyone from St. E's. If the hospital moves, it will be better able to help people in Madison and St. Clair counties. If it is forced to stay in Belleville, it will close and help no one.

Neutral site needed

I agree with your editorial, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board should move the location of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital's hearing to a neutral site; it is necessary. Since Belleville is most impacted, it should be a neutral site in Belleville, not one that is in an area that's dangerous.

LETTERS

St. E's has right to move

St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville has every right to move to a new facility in O'Fallon. The move will have no impact on health care in our area. Access may even improve.

Bruce Mitchell
Freeburg

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granddaughter Angela to trick or treat with friends.

In the Orchards, mom and dad break out the deluxe four-seater golf cart and ferry their trick or treaters from house to house. It is quite a sight to see so many golf carts rigged with colorful lights. Impromptu gatherings of carts were everywhere, helping little Johnny do Halloween Orchards style, complete with a stadium blanket to keep his legs warm until the next candy stop.

We are indeed a privileged and sometimes pampered society.

Much Ado

Another hearing is scheduled concerning St. Elizabeth's Hospital and their plan to build a new facility in O'Fallon. Some of the arguments being made against the move aren't at all logical.

It seems to me the management of the hospital – long noted for charitable work in the community by caring for the poor – has a right to establish their business model and locate their business where they think they can have the most impact.

I've been the recipient of world-class care at St. Elizabeth's over the years. The hospital serves the sick and needy, while modeling distinct core values of respect, care, competence and joy in their daily efforts. That doesn't change by them moving from Belleville.

Medical technology and approaches to patient care have radically changed over the years. It is unreasonable to ask St. Elizabeth's to continue giving first-rate care in a facility that can't and doesn't meet the expectations of patients and their families. The hospital needs a building designed for today and tomorrow's medical practices. Their plan is reasonable, prudent and in keeping with their tradition of care.

I look forward to using their

arises.

Energy

According to Ameren Illinois, the average household spends about $100 every year powering devices while they are off or in standby mode. Nationally, this accounts for more than $10 billion in extra energy costs to consumers.

Another way to save energy is by lowering the temperature of your water heater to 120 degrees. Water heating uses about 25 percent of the energy consumed in a typical home.

Lawyer's Paradise

Madison County continues to attract asbestos damage cases from across the country. Asbestos case filings have gone from 325 in 2006 to 1,678 in 2013 says the Madison-St. Clair Record. Over 90 percent of cases come from out-of-state residents.

This type of forum shopping that lets cases be filed far from the state where the damage is alleged to have occurred doesn't do much for the reputation of our region. It does make some attorneys very rich. I don't know that it serves justice.

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Controversy surrounds St. Elizabeth's move

Viewpoint
Conrad Steinhoff

The CEO and chief nurse from St. Elizabeth's Hospital spoke at last week's Lebanon Rotary Club meeting. Chief Nurse Shelly Harris led the presentation. CEO Maryann Reese chimed in from time to time with comments. After the presentation, both participated in the question and comment period. It was the second time that day I had heard and seen the presentation. In the morning Ms. Harris appeared at the Beacon Ministries Quarterly Interagency Networking Forum. Ms. Reese was originally scheduled to speak in the morning, but was not back from her trip to Boise, Idaho, to meet her first grandchild.

The contrast between the two audiences was noteworthy. The Beacon meeting occurred in Belleville, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Those in attendance were largely from Belleville agencies. Although civil and courteous, the participants in the morning session had some pointed questions and comments about St. E's reasons for moving from its present location near downtown Belleville, to a new site in O'Fallon, along the north side of I-64 and facing on Greenmount Road. The Lebanon audience was naturally friendly, since the new St. E's is in our back yard.

If you are sure you are doing the right thing ... you have to just do it.

Rotary's friendly attitude toward St. E's move closer to us helps us focus on the concerns of those who are seeing St. E's move further away from them. In a recent feature article the St. Louis Post-Dispatch about St. E's plan to move, the mayor of Smithton was vocal in his opposition to St. E's plan. He no doubt speaks for a lot of people living in the southern region of St. Clair County, and in Monroe County farther south. The mayor points out that ambulance time from Smithton, Millstadt, Freeburg, and points south will be 12 miles instead of the present 5.

Predictably, the City of Belleville is adamant in its opposition. The City has hired lawyers to see if they can stop the move. Understandably, since the loss of this institution is a huge blow to Belleville's economy and its prestige. It looks like part of the perceived decline of Belleville as surrounding municipalities grow.

One of the participants in the morning session told of the many complaints she has heard from clients and co-workers about the planned move. Many of them are African Americans. They recall the decline of St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, its re-invention as Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital, and its eventual economic collapse and closing. To them, this is just one more abandonment. The issue has racial overtones. A lot of white people have moved from Belleville to the very communities around St. E's planned new location. The whole scene has a "here we go again" appearance to African Americans, especially those who are poor.

Also opposed is Memorial Hospital. The Memorial people accuse St. E's of abandoning the poor in favor of a middle-class location. Never mind that Memorial is building a smaller hospital facility almost across the highway from the new St. E's location. That is another part of Memorial's case against the move – it is a duplication of services, they point out. So St. E's is surrounded by opposition. All of it coming from people who see its present location as advantageous to them, and its planned new location as a painful loss.

Ms. Reese commented that the accusations about abandoning the poor are the ones that sting the most. St. E's was founded 145 years ago as a mission to the poor, to bring medical care to a largely neglected population. Serving the poor has been central to its mission ever since. It is painful to be accused of chasing the money at the expense of mission. But therein lies the dilemma. St. E's has been losing money steadily for a while now. It has been able to stay open because it is part of a larger entity, which includes hospitals all over Illinois and Wisconsin. Those facilities that are running in the black are subsidizing St. E's. But this can't go on. There is no way that St. E's can reach break-even where it is. The present facility is obsolete. They are on 14 acres of ground adjacent to a railroad track. There is no room to expand. Road access is poor.

Furthermore, the center of population of St. Clair County has moved. It used to be in Belleville. It is now in the cities clustered along the I-64 corridor. The new site is precisely at the center. Emergency access to the new site, because of its proximity to I-64 is actually better for all, including those in the southern tier of towns, as well as East St. Louis. St. E's service area includes communities to the north all the way to Litchfield. The new site will still be farther from some northern communities than it will be from Smithton. The new site has 114 acres. The new facility will be state-of-the-art, thereby providing superior patient care and will attract more specialists. The Belleville site will not be abandoned. Only the inpatient and emergency room services will cease. All present outpatient services will remain.

St. E's case is strong and persuasive – from a rational, factual perspective. But as is often the case, there are many whose reaction to the planned change does not come from a rational, factual place. The reactions are visceral, personal and emotional. If you are poor, and especially if you are poor and black, all the talking points don't matter. If you are the mayor of Belleville, or Smithton, they don't matter. What matters is, you are experiencing a personal loss that feels like abandonment. Or, if you are "the other hospital," you see competition for the same patient population. (To this, CEO Reese responds,

"St. E's and Memorial are not competitors. Our competition is St. Louis.")

My comment, to Ms. Harris and Ms. Reese was, "There isn't a whole lot you can do about visceral opposition. If you are sure you are doing the right thing, and you are on solid ground, you have to just do it. Once it is done, everybody will adjust and hopefully notice that everybody benefits."

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SOUND-OFF

Why oppose move?

Thanks to the BND for providing a link to St. Elizabeth's comments on staying in Belleville. I read the comments about city leaders, and I had to question their intent of opposing the move. Was it for indigent care or for losing a very large number of income-tax-paying jobs? If Mayor Mark Eckert knew of the hospital's intent to leave since 2004, why has the city not prepared itself for this possibility? That's what people's blind allegiance will do to a city.

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Questions for the opponents

I HAVE A number of questions that the opponents of the St. Elizabeth's move need to answer:

- Why are the political leaders of St. Clair County not at the forefront of this project, jumping up and down about the real jobs that will be created to construct the new St. Elizabeth's Hospital? They are always talking about imaginary jobs and growing the economy. This is real.
- Why haven't the hospital opponents dissected St. Elizabeth's submission for the certificate of need showing why it's wrong and how it's wrong?
- Isn't it time to approach healthcare as a regional issue and not one so parochial as to be limited to Belleville vs. everyone else?
- Would the people who work at St. Elizabeth's all move out closer to the new hospital, or perhaps will they commute to work like thousands of others to St. Elizabeth's, the base and elsewhere?
- In the next round of base closings, will the county point to the two brand new hospitals so close to the base — right down the interstate and not on roads winding through Belleville?

Harry Sterling
Fairview Heights

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LETTERS

Skewed views on St. E's

HOW FAR WILL Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert go? The fight to keep St. Elizabeth's Hospital from moving to O'Fallon isn't the first time he acted to keep business in a slowly failing city. There was a tax deal for auto dealership Oliver C. Joseph when it moved out of downtown. Buying buildings for future redevelopment?

Sure, maintaining a city takes some risks and lots of prayers for growth, but does that mean the mayor has to do it with tax money?

When it comes to health care, *Opposethemove.com* uses phrases that are misrepresentations and skewed. Under the "Be informed" tab, "fact" two: 1,200 jobs are not leaving the community, just Belleville. If the move happens, the jobs will move six miles away.

"Fact" three: Further distance traveled from East St. Louis to a hospital. Do they not realize Memorial Hospital is 2.5 miles from East St. Louis versus 5.5 to St. E's? The rest of the "facts" seem to be a grabbing anything to increase the list.

Yes, if a large anchor business fails, the surrounding business fails. Yes, Memorial cannot handle the overload of patients if St. Elizabeth's closes, not moves. Yes, if St Elizabeth's moves/closes, it would be the largest vacant building complex that Belleville has. Perhaps Eckert will buy it.

Instead of whining and trying to block the move, perhaps Eckert should have shown how moving the hospital south just over a mile would give them access to a "highway."

John Mathews
Fairview Heights

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Think creatively, Belleville

SOME SUGGESTIONS if St. Elizabeth's Hospital moves out of Belleville:

Move the Police Department and the post office there; renovate the post office building, lease it to attorneys, etc.

Keep an urgicare there to include an x-ray/MRI facility. Continue and expand the inpatient and outpatient drug and alcohol rehab unit. Take one wing and rent the rooms to Lindenwood University; take another wing and rent to attorneys. They might take another wing and rent it for assisted living for seniors and or disabled vets.

Check with Southwestern Illinois College; maybe they can expand to one wing. Downsize the cafeteria, but serve breakfast from 5:30 to 9 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m.; adjust as demand or need changes.

I think city leaders need to be creative and think about how to use this big facility to the city's best interest. Don't give it away like they did Belleville West. Look what happened with the Meredith Home building, handling of the YMCA, Anglers Park, the old furniture store at the bottom of the hill, etc., etc.

Vern Baugh
Belleville

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SOUND-OFF

New hospital needed

I am tired of the hateful and uninformed rhetoric about why St. Elizabeth's Hospital is moving from Belleville to O'Fallon. The existing facility is almost 140 years old and there is a need for a new hospital. Belleville does not own the hospital, nor does the state. It is not a charity hospital. It is owned by the HSHS system, which assists those in need. The poor and disadvantaged can go to Memorial Hospital just like they can St. Elizabeth's — by law people must be seen at the ER. If Belleville needs tax revenue, recruit businesses other than bars and secondhand clothing stores. Every person in the metro-east deserves a state-of-the-art medical facility that is centrally located.

Why the opposition?

I am curious why a representative from St. Clair County government would be opposed to construction jobs and improved medical services in regard to St. Elizabeth's new hospital. Herb Simmons, director of the county Emergency Management Agency, spoke against the move at the public hearing last week: "The emergency management plans depend on St. Elizabeth's current location." Does it say in the plan that St. E's needs to be in Belleville? Isn't the county plan for all county residents?

Concerned for needy?

Don't be fooled by Patty Gregory's organized effort to oppose the move of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. We all know Gregory is head of Art on the Square and Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert's friend. I'm glad that Gregory and Eckert are concerned about the area's needy. I wish Eckert wouldn't have opposed Larry Rice's attempt to use the old YMCA for the homeless. Perhaps they could use the long vacant Meredith Home for that purpose. I don't blame St. E's for wanting to leave the hostile atmosphere that has been created.

Booth out of place

Really? A Patty Gregory-sponsored booth at the Belleville bicentennial celebration for the purpose of opposing St. Elizabeth's Hospital's move? How inappropriate. Even more inappropriate was the city hiring the so-called Beach Boys. My neighbor's cover band does a better job and would have cost a lot less.

Danger if St. E's leaves

Watch out for skyrocketing medical costs if St. Elizabeth's Hospital pulls out of the area after being denied a certificate of need and only Memorial Hospital exists. The area needs two hospitals, as competition prevents a monopoly. Look at how Memorial has pulled most of its specialists and all of its primary care docs off staff from St. Elizabeth's. This keeps the admissions and testing mostly at Memorial and almost bankrupted St. Elizabeth's. Where was Belleville's support when St. Elizabeth lost millions of dollars in one year? The goal of some nonprofit hospitals is to make maximum dollar without much regard to the patient.

Will patients be first?

Memorial Hospital states it will be overwhelmed with all the Belleville patients if St. Elizabeth's leaves Belleville. Working together to serve the regional needs could include transferring ER patients directly to each full-service hospital or diverting ambulances to the facility with open beds to help each local hospital maintain a safe patient capacity. Will a patient who needs open heart surgery be transferred from Memorial Hospital East to the nearby full service St. Elizabeth's of O'Fallon or to the main Memorial Hospital in Belleville? Is it going to be about working together to care for each patient, or will it be about the almighty dollar?

Op-Ed from the Mayor

Support St. E's

Gary Graham

O'Fallon has been experiencing smart growth over the last several years as one of the economic leaders in the region.

We are one of the top five communities in terms of residential growth in the whole St. Louis area and we have been quite fortunate to see commercial growth in multiple locations around the city. All while at the same time, Scott Air Force Base continues to be a major force for our community.

And now we are poised for what will be the single largest catalyst for growth in our city over the next decade with the construction of the new State of the Art Medical Corridor by St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Memorial.

By locating the region's premier healthcare providers at the epicenter of O'Fallon and Shiloh, over 1,500 new jobs will be coming to our city. And with those jobs will come new homeowners. These new residents will help to shore up O'Fallon's stronghold as the most desirable place to live, learn, work, play and pray in the region.

As I am sure you have heard by now, St. Elizabeth's Hospital has submitted to the state its certificate of need (CON) to build a $300 million, 144-bed hospital on 114 acres of land just north of Interstate 64 and Exit 16.

Under Illinois law, nursing homes, hospitals and other medical centers must apply for and receive a certificate of need from the nine-member health services review board before they can build, expand, or close a medical building.

I believe the site in O'Fallon was chosen for one specific reason: immediate interstate access. Nearly 140 years ago, the site for St. Elizabeth's' current hospital was selected because of its access to the railroad system, which at that time was the primary means of transportation. Today, the importance of accessibility to health care hasn't changed. The proposed site of the new hospital location along I-64 will increase their ability to offer life-saving and life-sustaining services for the entire metro-east region for generations to come.

A new hospital being built is a good thing for O'Fallon, and it's a great thing for the metro-east region. The new medical campus will include 144 private patient rooms, an emergency department, state-of-the-art operating rooms, an advanced intensive care unit and inpatient rehabilitation area. It also would allow St. Elizabeth's to offer a wide array of inpatient and outpatient services, including cancer care, modern birthing suites, telehealth consultations featuring accredited stroke care, and award-winning heart care. All from a site that is centrally located and more readily accessible to the entire Metro-East Region than the hospital's current location.

The proposed location also will make it easier for those living in low-income communities to get to the new hospital and the adjacent physician offices. In the early stages, St. Elizabeth's did an analysis of drive times from underserved neighborhoods in the metro-east to the new location, and found that two-thirds of low-income residents will have shorter drive times than they currently have driving to the current location. The hospital also will be served by mass transit.

When patients require an inpatient hospital stay, they typically are either very sick or have suffered a serious injury. When those happen, a hospital that is easily accessible via a major interstate could be the difference between life and death. The proposed hospital is designed with those patients who are in need of immediate care in mind.

For a long time now, health care traffic has always headed west and across the Mississippi River to one of the many St. Louis area hospitals—with it went thousands of healthcare jobs. By offering high-quality, easily accessible care at the proposed St. Elizabeth's Campus, we will keep those high-paying health care jobs in Illinois and help improve the quality of life for the residents of the entire metro-east region.

I understand that all those jobs will not come at once and right off the start, but eventually the area around Interstate 64, known as the "Healthcare Highway," will be the healthcare engine Southern Illinois has longed for. It is exciting to think students who graduated from high schools in the metro-east, and have pursued a career in healthcare, will no longer have to move to St. Louis or Chicago or Kansas City to find a job; they will be able to return to a place where they grew up and a healthcare job will be available.

If St. Elizabeth's does not receive their CON, the jobs they would have created will be lost from the region. St. Elizabeth's' leaders already have said they will not consider reinvesting in its Belleville hospital building if plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon are denied by a state regulatory board. St. Elizabeth's has said attempting to update the current building for modern day medicine does not make sense due to renovations that would be double the cost and double the length of new construction. I understand that Belleville does not want to lose St. Elizabeth's, but as a mayor and as a resident, I don't want the metro-east region to lose St. Elizabeth's.

To better their position for receiving a CON, St. Elizabeth's is looking for public written support in favor of its new hospital proposed for O'Fallon. They have created a website (www.supportsteliz.org) that includes the latest developments on the plans for the new hospital, past media coverage and a place to submit a letter of support.

I have talked to hundreds of residents that have gone to www.supportsteliz.org and submitted a letter of support online. It is very simple—just go to www.steliz.org/letter/index.cfm?pageID=331 and follow the few simple steps. The letters of support will be addressed to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, the board in charge of reviewing St Elizabeth's CON application.

St. Elizabeth's has distributed magnetic (bumper) stickers and business cards around the area and I encourage you pick one up to show your support for the development and for the advancement of healthcare in the metro-east. If you would like one for yourself or for your friends and family, we have the magnets and cards available at City Hall, Katy Cavin's Community Center and the Public Library.

I am truly lucky to live in O'Fallon and call myself your mayor for all these years. It excites me as a resident, and as one of your elected officials, to say I believe O'Fallon's greatest years are still to come and that is yet another example of why O'Fallon is such a great community in which to live.

Gary Graham
O'Fallon Mayor

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LETTERS

Hospital needs an update

I WONDER how many people would be interested in still having the old, reliable rotary phones in their homes today. Probably not many. Yet a lot of the critics see nothing wrong with a hospital facility more than 100 years old being maintained to address our health care and in some cases life-sustaining needs.

The technology available in other hospitals is a reason so many people from Illinois cross the river for health care, and that includes some of the better doctors by the way.

You can no more cost-effectively retrofit a 100-year plus building to today's technological needs than you could or even would your own home.

Like it or not, St. Elizabeth's Hospital is a business like any other. How many do we have to lose before we take our head out of the sand? Intrastate is far better than interstate.

Raymond Allmon
Fairview Heights

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LETTERS

Move is a business decision

ST. ELIZABETH'S decision to move out of downtown Belleville is based on economics. As a business that wants to survive in this economy they must make tough choices.

Mayor Mark Eckert's decision to hire an attorney is another waste of taxpayer funds; the City Council and other civic leaders should be the driving force to persuade the hospital to stay.

Now Eckert wants to start a grassroots effort to interfere in private enterprise and attempt to keep St. E's from getting its application approved. Once again Eckert shows his arrogance and inability to lead.

This poor example of leadership in interfering with private industry is a classic.

Kevin Sheridan
Fairview Heights

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SOUND-OFF

Belleville isn't alone

Letter writers and Sound-off callers along with Belleville leaders seem to think that Belleville is the region's lone superpower. St. Elizabeth's Hospital belongs to Belleville and in Belleville it should remain, they say. To O'Fallon, Millstadt, Smithton, Fairview Heights: Get your own hospital. Funny, I live four miles from it and haven't used it in years. Belleville can't be the lone superpower and keep everything for itself.

Move on to O'Fallon

Regarding the St. Elizabeth's Hospital's move: Go for it. Memorial coerced doctors to practice at their hospital and to send patients there instead of St. Elizabeth's.

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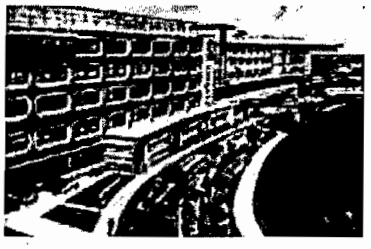
Eckert strays from the facts



I WOULD LIKE to correct some points made by Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert in his column Sept. 7. First, St Elizabeth's is not abandoning Belleville — just the opposite. We will continue to provide health care services and jobs at our current campus.

We believe metro-east residents deserve a state-of-the-art hospital that is easily accessible from Interstate 64. Our current 60-year-old building was not designed for 21st century acute care. Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert understood that point in December 2010, and he knows it now.

Eckert is inaccurate when he says we are attempting to get a "better patient mix." St. Elizabeth's remains very committed to serving the indigent. Moving our inpatient services seven miles will not change the percentage of our patients who are insured, rely on Medicaid or Medicare, or have no insurance. In addition, drive times to our new hospital will decrease for two-thirds of the region's low-income residents.

Eckert is also mistaken about mass transit serving the new location. There is a current bus route (St Clair 12) that serves the new hospital property. Once our project is approved, we will request expanded bus service to the new hospital.

Finally, the mayor misstates St Elizabeth's financial situation. Our tax returns are public and show the true picture.

We understand the mayor opposes our project. We would simply ask that he stick to the facts.

William S. Lyke
Chairman, St Elizabeth's Hospital Board of Directors

News-Democrat Date: Sep. 14, 2014; Section: Opinions

LETTERS

St. E's belongs to the region

BELLEVILLE MAYOR Mark Eckert talks as if Belleville has the exclusive rights to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It has been supported by Belleville these past 140 years, he states. But St. Elizabeth's is a regional hospital and always has been.

A quick check of the patient listings will discover individuals from O'Fallon, Shiloh, East St. Louis, Smithton, New Athens, Swansea and so on. The patients are not exclusively Belleville residents, nor will they be in the new hospital in O'Fallon. Once again it would be a regional hospital, but this time it would be regionally located.

In case Eckert hasn't noticed, Belleville is no longer the center of the metro-east. The population is moving east away from Belleville.

Another thing I find interesting is Memorial's opposition. Yes, it's competition and yes, St. E's opposed their Shiloh campus, so turnabout is fair play, but the Shiloh Memorial will not be a full-service hospital. It offer certain services only. The proposed St. E's would be full service.

Part of the St. Elizabeth campus downtown is more than 70 years old. In fact I'm 74 and I was born in one of the buildings still in use. If any of you have ever been in a modern hospital facility (outside of Belleville, that is), you would know that the current St. E's is no longer viable as a modern hospital and needs to be replaced. O'Fallon is an excellent choice.

Dave Arnold
O'Fallon

SOUND-OFF

Work with St. E's

Belleville Mayor Mark Eckert's campaign to stop St. Elizabeth's Hospital, a private corporation, from moving out of the city is typical King Eckert rationale. Instead of working with the hospital to come up with a new use for the building, Eckert has his mind made up. If St. Elizabeth's can't move, hospital executives will close it. But with the mayor it's his way or no way.

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Why has Belleville always needed two hospitals when most surrounding communities have none? Belleville will still have a full-care facility (Memorial Hospital). St. E's mission remains the same. Since when do only "the sick, the needy and the poor" live in Belleville? Why is this the only area that doesn't understand that interstate access to a hospital is the ideal situation for anyone needing emergency care? Virtually every hospital in St. Louis is less than five minutes from an interstate. In our area, it could take 15 minutes or more to get from the interstate to the ER. Is this good for O'Fallon? Yes. Is this great for the entire metro-east community? Absolutely.

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Want to keep St. Elizabeth's?

I WORKED St. Elizabeth's nursing service (nights). How many letter writers have been a patient there? I choose other hospitals for all surgeries/routine treatments as my family physician will not practice there, really, and he used to.

If the powers that be want to keep the hospital:

Close it for asbestos removal, rewire, update heating and cooling, replace inefficient windows (all of them), provide closer employee parking, 24-hour police protection and fumigate for bugs. Require city employees to use the facility for all inpatient and outpatient surgeries, labs, x-rays and routine hospital stays from colds to birthing babies. Ask all concerned downtown businesses to do the same.

It is not the economic impact to a blighted area but the patients Memorial Hospital doesn't accept. There is a code; nurses talk. Our indigent complain of chest pain and have a cool or warm place to stay and a meal depending on the weather. "Divert to St. E's" is heard over the radio as patients (transported right past Memorial) come from East St. Louis — self-pays most likely — and Memorial does want to get paid. At night ambulance companies drop homeless at St E's ER out of the blue. Why, because they need a meal?

Mayor, give it a rest. Imagine the difference if, when you came into office, you and all city employees were required to use this facility. What? Oh, that's what I thought: not going to happen. Instead, hire a Chicago lawyer. Are lawyers in Belleville too busy?

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