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November 25, 2014
Ms. Courtney Avery
Administration
Illinois Health Facilities
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project Application # 14-043 Letter Dated November 14, 2014

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as my withdrawal of my previous letter dated November 14, 2014, (Copy Attached). I would also like to be very clear that this was my personal opinion and in no way does it represent, or was intended to represent the opinion of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

Thank you in advance for removing my letter from consideration on the above named project.

Sincerely,



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RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

Before I started to write this letter, I reviewed numerous support letters on the IHFSRD web site. All of the letters I reviewed had two things in common:

1. They all stated that the O'Fallon-Shiloh area needed better access to healthcare.
2. Not one mentioned that a new hospital is currently being constructed in the O'Fallon-Shiloh area and will fulfill these needs.

Moving St. Elizabeth's Hospital from its current location would be devastating for patients being served to the south of Belleville. Memorial Hospital does not have the capacity in Belleville to service these patients and Memorial's Emergency facilities are already close to capacity.

The CON program "is designed to restrain rising health care costs by preventing unnecessary construction or modification of health services."

This proposed duplication of services in the O'Fallon-Shiloh area defines "unnecessary" and abandons thousands of patients St. Elizabeth's now serves. I also question how it would cost \$365 million dollars, as their application states, to make improvements to St. Elizabeth's current location. I believe this has been grossly exaggerated in an attempt to support their application.

Therefore, I strongly oppose St. Elizabeth's proposal for relocation.

Sincerely,

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