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January 7, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to express my support of St. Elizabeth Hospital's plan to build a replacement hospital.

I am Kevin Schoeplein, the CEO of OSF Healthcare System, an integrated healthcare delivery system in Illinois, which operates nine hospitals in Illinois and one in Michigan. Like Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), OSF is a Catholic healthcare system dedicated to the mission of providing care in the communities we serve, regardless of ability to pay.

Leading a healthcare system with facilities in many rural areas, I recognize how a new facility can help enhance quality, lead to more coordinated patient care along with improving recruitment and retention efforts with providers as well as staff.

In today's health care environment, all providers struggle with operational and service efficiencies. Having a new, modern facility will help St. Elizabeth Hospital to provide more efficient services at a high quality, which will be a true value to the communities and patients they serve.

Therefore, on behalf of OSF Healthcare System, we support the St. Elizabeth Hospital's intent to build a replacement facility.

Sincerely,



Kevin Schoeplein
CEO, OSF Healthcare System