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

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Dear Ms. Avery,

On behalf of Greenville Regional Hospital I am pleased to voice my support for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital along Interstate 64.

Greenville Regional Hospital serves the residents of Bond County and partners with health care providers throughout the region to deliver the highest quality of care to our patients. Our medical staff includes employed physicians in pediatrics, internal medicine, family practice, OB/GYN, general surgery, pulmonology, and oncology. We have more than 50 specialty physicians, including doctors from HSHS Medical Group and Prairie Cardiovascular, who see patients for consultation and treatment on our hospital campus each month.

Because many of our patients require more specialized care than we can offer locally, we have transfer agreements with medical centers in the Metro East, St. Louis and Springfield. Our preference, and the preference of our patients who must be transferred from our hospital, is to receive their care in a facility that is close to home.

St. Elizabeth's proposed replacement hospital would provide our patients with a state-of-the-art, acute care hospital closer to where they live.

In order for St. Elizabeth's to continue to effectively serve the region, they should be given approval to build a new hospital along I-64. The replacement hospital will be easier to reach for many of our residents because of its location along a major interstate. A modern St. Elizabeth's Hospital will also help us attract specialists to southwestern Illinois and provide greater access to acute care services for patients from across the region.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Review Board to approve St. Elizabeth's plans.

Sincerely,

Brian Nall  
President and CEO