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January 06, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery
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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 relocated in the Metro East area last year because the oncoly clinic where I am working for branched out in this location.

My children and I have had our check-ups, mammogram and labs in St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will be more accessible to my family specially regarding parking and traffic.

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,

Catherine Mendoza

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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.

Thirty years ago, I was born at another health care institution in Belleville, IL. I was raised in Collinsville, IL, where my immediate family continues to live today. As both of my parents grew up in this area, virtually our entire family (of which I have close to 30 first cousins) continues to reside in the Metro East communities of Edwardsville, Maryville, Collinsville, Caseyville, O'Fallon, and Belleville. After leaving the area for my undergraduate studies, it was an easy decision for me to return to the Metro East for graduate school to obtain my Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. After completing my post-graduate residency in 2012, I began to explore professional opportunities in the Metro East. I ended up applying for an opening for a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist position at St. Elizabeth's Hospital; surprisingly, a place where I had never been.

I began working as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in July 2012. After training in an urban area at a large tertiary medical center, I was astounded by how much I immediately enjoyed working in a smaller community hospital. The staff is friendly, the interdepartmental cooperation is outstanding, and members of the administration team can be seen walking the hallways and greeting colleagues and patients on a daily basis. As if the family atmosphere of working at St. Elizabeth's Hospital isn't enough, participating in the advancement of clinical services over these past two-and-a-half years has been nothing short of exciting. St. Elizabeth's Hospital has truly become a top-rate health care institution, and one of which our entire region should be proud. As such, it has been very easy for me to recommend to members of my family to receive care here. The most recent encounter occurred when my cousin, who had been treated at other hospitals in the region, presented to our Emergency Department (ED) with abdominal pain, an ongoing issue for her after surgery. She said it was amazing how well the staff listened to her and took her chief complaint seriously, and that she felt the care she received both in the ED and on the Medical/Surgical unit was better than she had ever received. She had never come to St. Elizabeth's Hospital before as where she lives in the region, it was easier for her to travel to other hospitals. This is true for most of my family, including those who live in Belleville.

I look forward for the opportunity for not only members of my family, but my many friends and contacts around the Metro East to have easy access to such quality care. I have grown tired of hearing that there are too many stoplights as a reason why those that I care about are not receiving what I believe to be the best evidence-based medicine practices in the surrounding communities.

A final reason I support this project, and perhaps the most important, is that I support the mission of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I have complete faith that those who have evaluated the various financial and technological implications of this project, along with the impact on our patients' access, have not come to this decision lightly or without just cause.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Dawn Dankenbring

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January 07, 2015

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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 family has been in the area for 2 years now. My husband owns and runs the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Ofallon/Shiloh IL. We talk to over 4000 people a week and know that they come from Belleville, Edwardsville and all over to come to this area.

I have been to both St. Elizabeths and Memorial Hospitals for treatment. I prefer the Memorial because of the newer and nicer facility.

I think a newer,nicer Hospital will attract more people solely on the looks and newness of the bld. I do not like going to the Belleville location because of this. I would definitely go if it was new and in Ofallon.

I think the Hospital would help our Family business as well. Think of all the new jobs it would bring.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Heifner

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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 unit secretary at St. Elizabeth Hospital. I have served this community and hospital for the past ten years.

Myself and my family all come to St. Elizabeth hospital for our health care. Recent my sister was a patient on med/surg.

A new location would benefit me personally with a new state of the art facility and equipment. Just to be able to travel throughout the hospital without having to use the stairs would be lovely.

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

Sincerely,

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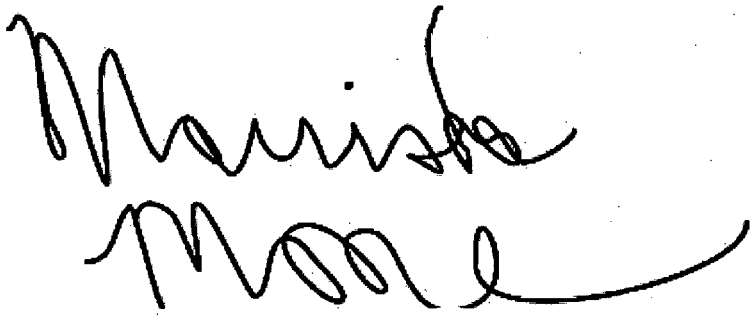

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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 30 years & for the last 24 years my family & I have lived in the O'Fallon, IL area.

My hospital of choice has been St Elizabeth's since my family moved to the Metro East area, 30 years ago. Two of my grandchildren were born at St Elizabeth's Hospital & my both my husband & myself have had several out patient services performed there.

Having the replacement hospital located in the O'Fallon area would be much more convenient for bulk of the expanding population of St Clair County. The current hospital is 15 to 20 miles away from my current house & the new hospital would only be 5 miles away, which would make a big difference in case of an emergency. My husband & I are senior citizens & having the hospital closer would make us feel better especially in case of an emergency.

Being a Roman Catholic & St Elizabeth's Hospital being our hospital of choice, I fully support the relocation of the hospital to the O'Fallon 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,

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Shirley Sushi

January 15, 2015

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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 over 30 years. My employer is responsible for staffing and managing the Emergency Department physicians and midlevel providers at St. Elizabeth's. Also, I am currently a member of the Board of Trustees for Kaskaskia College. Our students utilize St. Elizabeth's as a clinical site for their allied health programs.

Not only do I have business affiliation with St. Elizabeth's Hospital and a connection with Kaskaskia College, my family has utilized the services of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The outstanding cardiac services have been particularly utilized by my family.

In addition to a better location for the patients, the replacement hospital will improve our ability to recruit new physicians to St. Elizabeth's. The new facility and technology utilized in the hospital will be selling points for interested physicians.

Another reason to support the replacement hospital is the reduced travel time for outlying hospitals. Patients requiring specialized cardiac care, intensive care unites, etc. will have reduced travel times by ambulance.

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 Holthaus

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January 23, 2015

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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 area for 49 years. I am currently employed by St. Elizabeth hospital as a nurse.

My sister was treated at St. Elizabeth's hospital for a heart attack. I was proud to work there.

I reside in O'Fallon and the easy access to the new site will benefit everyone.

St. Elizabeth's hospital has a long tradition of providing outstanding service to the community. The new hospital will allow us to continue and even reach higher goals of providing service to the whole 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,

Mr. Michael Owens

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Michael Owens

January 27, 2015

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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 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN NEW BADEN IL. LIVED THERE UNTIL 1993, RETIRED AND MOVED TO FLORIDA, CAME BACK HERE IN 2007 AND WILL LIVE HERE THE REST OF MY LIFE. I VOLUNTEER AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

TWO OF OUR 3 CHILDREN WERE BORN THERE AND THIS IS WHERE OUR HEART DR. IS.

BETTER ACCESS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY.

THIS HOSPITAL IS OLD AND IS NOT IN A LOCATION WHERE THERE IS SPACE TO BUILD A NEW A MODERN 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,

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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I have lived in the Metro East since 1998 when my husband was transferred here with the Air Force. Since that time, he has retired and we decided to become permanent members of the community.

My family and I have been patients of the hospital since moving here and have had nothing but the best care available. Since the base hospital is no longer operational, St. Elizabeth's has become

Having a hospital conveniently located in O'Fallon would provide my family a top notch hospital closer to where we live in New Baden. Although there are closer hospitals in Breese and Highland, we always choose to drive the extra miles to St. Elizabeth's because of the care we have received. Having a full service hospital would mean a lot to us.

We have always received the best care possible at St. Elizabeth's but do notice that the facilities are quite old. Building a new facility in O'Fallon would provide state of the art health care for my 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,

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Darren & April Penick

January 28, 2015

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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.

This is our second time in the area. We lived in Swansea IL for three years and this second time we now live in O'Fallon IL and have for the last 10 years. I currently work as the Youth Coordinator for St Nicholas Church.

My family are all patients at the Scott AFB/St Elizabeth Family Practice since we moved here and my son was born there. We love the staff, but the it's a 25 minute drive and the hospital is old!

The new location, right off the highway will be a huge benefit to our community and Scott AFB.

I think the project will also be a boon to the O'Fallon economic community with an influx of medical 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,

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January 29, 2015

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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 Belleville IL. for over 10 yrs. and my doctor is currently on staff there. I would prefer to go to a hospital were my doctor is on staff at instead of having to drive to Missouri where the doctor's are not familiar with my health conditions.

I have used St. Elizabeth's ER and Prime Time several times and found their staff to be so helpful and nice. The way that it is setup allows you be put in a room sooner and then they do the registration in your private room instead of making you way and everyone in the waiting room is hearing your business and personal information. They go out of their way to make sure the HIPPA laws are enforced and I appreciate that!

I believe that good doctors should have the equipment to perform their jobs to their best abilities but if they are limited with old equipment and they don't have the proper tools to do the job; then the people they are trying to help suffers. People in this area might be at the risk of losing their lives because of something so stupid as a code issue!!

It is time for new innovated ways of during things in ILinios. I am tired of having to go to Missouri to Barnes Hospital and Washington U, and SLU when I live in IL. and would prefer to keep my money in the city I live in and benefit my 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. Monica Horton

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Monica Norton

January 31, 2015

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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 not someone of consequence in societal terms. I am a mother of two beautiful children; one of whom is diagnosed on the autism spectrum. I formerly worked as a Program Supervisor for Challenge Unlimited in the Swansea DT location for about four years.

I am a former patient of St. Elizabeth's hospital. St. Elizabeth's was the only hospital that would treat me for my mental health needs. I really don't think that I would be here and available to my children and family had I not received treatment at St. Elizabeth's hospital. I also delivered both of my children at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Although St. Elizabeth's is one of the only hospitals in the metro east that puts patient welfare before monetary gain, there is a need for a more safe and efficient facility that this may continue.

I am aware that St. Elizabeth's treats many people that would otherwise not receive adequate care do to budget deficits. Although this may not be an incentive for politicians and those that have the staggering monetary figures at hand, this project will mean life and health for many within the community who have no other advocates.

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. Catherine Gray

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Catherine Gray

February 03, 2015

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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 metro area for over 40 years. During that time I have owned rental property, attended school, and been in number of the medical facilities in the area with different family members. In fall of 2012 I began working at St Elizabeth's and drive 45 minutes to work.

It is not so much about where the new hospital will be built but providing patients with a safer enviroment. It is understood that, yes, Belleville will probably loose some money when the hospital moves. However, this should not be part of the equation when comparing patient safety. What makes up patient safety? Bathroom doors that at this moment are too narrow to fit a walker through let alone an IV pole and a nurse or CNA. Bathrooms right now are to small for our bariatric population. Placing a handicap shower in the room would be of benefit to the staff and patient. Some hospitals have a Hoyer system built into the ceilings to help safely move the patient from the bed into the bathroom or while linens are being changed. Once again, patient and staff safety. The window are the old alumium and transmit cold air thus driving up heating cost. The floors are concrete and many nurses after spending years walking these floors have bad knees. New floors with a softer material would be better for noise control and better for the knees of the staff. The dumb waiter system needs replaced. Other hospitals have hand scanners that can be carried into a patients room while leaving the computer outside the room. This would be a tremdous benefit for St. Elizabeth's while nurses deal with an isolation room ie cutting down the risk of transmission.

St Elizabeth's has done a wonderful job of maintaining the current facility however despite this,time has taken its toll and buildings do age and wear out. I had a chance to be a facility while rehabbing was being done on the next floor up. The amount of noise and dust created many unhappy patients and 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,

Mrs. Wendy Barbier

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Wendy Barlier, RN

February 03, 2015

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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 am involved in my local catholic parish. I prefer to access my healthcare needs from an institution with similar values.

I was fortunate enough to be born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and have many family members that live in the surrounding communities, all of which access healthcare in the metro east.

The replacement hospital in O'Fallon will provide improved access for me and my family as currently, some of our needs are serviced in another state, primarily because of the current location.

I support the St. Elizabeth's Hospital project being built in O'Fallon because it will provide the needed modernization to healthcare services in the metro east, its values are closely aligned to my family's, and the location would be convenient to my home.

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 Viviano

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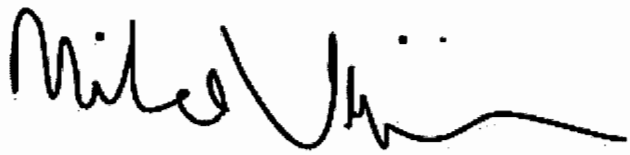

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Dear Ms. Avery:

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 in the Metro East area for almost 10 years. I am a financial professional in the community and volunteer with organizations that promote research for cancer and other health issues.

St. Elizabeth's is very highly regarded in the care that they already give. The replacement hospital would build upon the great service that St. Elizabeth's already gives to their patients.

I am excited about the O'Fallon replacement hospital because the Metro East is in need of a hospital with enhanced technology in a location that is easily accessible off the interstate.

I find myself being referred to hospitals on the Missouri side for various tests, and would like to be able to have a hospital on the Illinois side that would provide for my needs 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,

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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 worked in the metro-east for close to 50 years.

I was born at St. E's in Belleville, and my mother worked there as a registered nurse for over 40 years.

I believe the replacement hospital will provide the area with an extremely important updated facility.

I take my mother to the current facility, and I can tell it is out of date. She, being a 40+ year employee, has pointed this out to me. Technology has surpassed this hospital, and I believe that it cannot support the needed updates to bring this place into the current times.

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 Sink

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February 05, 2015

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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 50 years, with 18 years in Fairview heights and another 17 in O'Fallon.

For years I use to take my family to hospitals in St. Louis Missouri. Now St Elizabeth's is my hospital of choice in IL. I am closer to other hospitals but prefer to travel to St. Elizabeth's. Even with the new Memorial hospital I would travel to St. Elizabeth's before going to Memorial.

The new replacement hospital will be more convenient for myself and family and would offer better services closer to my home.

I also support St. Elizabeth's move as I think it relocation was the subject of a political smear campaign by the administrators of Memorial hospital. And if Denied the right to relocated I totally understand and would harbor no bad feelings is St. Elizabeth packs up an moves out of Illinois.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Ric Faulkner

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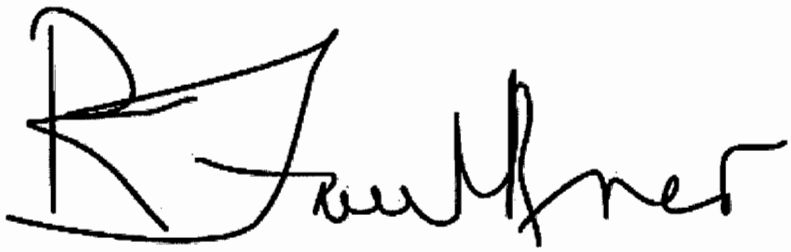
O'Fallon, IL 62269



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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 haved lived in the Metro East area for almost 2 years. I work as a floor nurse at St Elizabeth's hospital in our ICU.

Our community needs this replacement hospital so much. Our current hospital is in need of many updates. Our community and families deserve a state of the art building with the newest technology to heal in. The location will also provide many of our current patient's with easier and closer access.

Our building is seemingly in endless need of repair. Sometimes due to our thick old walls our internet which we use to care for our patients everyday doesnt even work. We do a lot with what we have but should be able to provide more. A new building could give this to us. And I know that is what 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,

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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 am an employee of St.Elizabeth's Hospital and have been for 18 years. It was my first job out of school and I plan on staying at the hospital for years to come.

The replacement hospital will benefit the community in so many ways. First and foremost it will provide employees with state of the tools to give patients the best care possible. It will also allow doctors to have the resources they may not have otherwise.

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,

Kelly Hoerchler

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February 09, 2015

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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 O'Fallon area for 25 years working within the healthcare field.

I have collaborated with SEBH on several occasions to provide asthma, tobacco and many other educational wellness programs to the local schools / community.

The CON approval of SEBH replacement will allow better access to needed healthcare in the O'Fallon / Metro region. The location is ideal for better access via all forms of public transportation including a better interstate access to many area towns.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Lawrence

405 Bowers Rd

Troy, IL 62294

February 09, 2015

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:

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.

I currently work at St. Elizabeth's. I have been here for almost 5 years.

The enhanced technology will truly help the patient care.

The best for the patients is getting a replacement hospital in O'Fallon. The advances in medicine we can give to the patients is unreal.

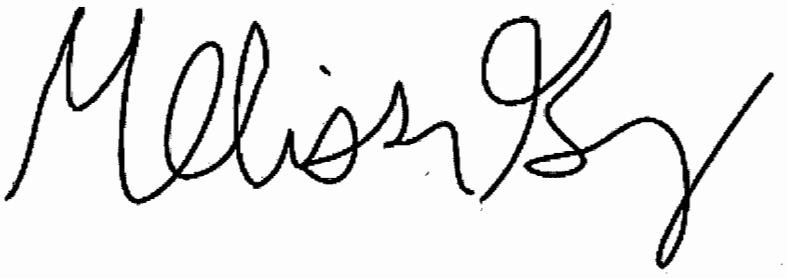
I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Gray

701 Home Ave

edwardsville, il 62025



February 11, 2015

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 in the Metro East community for over 6 years. I am a retired Air Force Officer and my wife is an accountant.

As recent retiree my family has selected the area that this hospital would service as home. Access to the medical treatment that this facility would bring will definitely factor into our long term residency considerations. If this hospital is denied approval we would have to seriously have to consider a future move to bring us closer to the inevitable care that will come as my wife and I get older.

Placing the hospital at the proposed location in OFallon would not only benefit the local community but the entire region.As a matter of simple geography the new location puts the hospital at the cross roads of an interstate and a major roadway. Providing exceptional access and speed of response. It is also located to numerous medical clinics within almost walking distance. The synergy of these factors would provide the region with tremendous medical resources that they would otherwise bear the burden of travelling as far as St Louis.

Besides the medical capabilities, this hospital has the potential to become the cornerstone of regional medical hub. The logistical stress that losing this capability to the St. Louis area would be a significant blow to the very community that the board is suppose to protect.

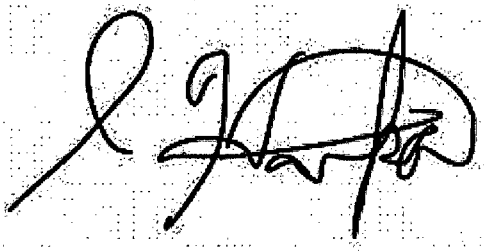
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Col. (Ret) John Hamuka

1136 hightower pl dr

ofallon, Illinois 62269



February 15, 2015

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 am one of the medical staff members at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

I have practiced there over the past five years and have witnessed first hand the amount of constant renovation needed to keep such an old structure up to modern hospital standards.

With a new, technologically advanced facility, available monies will be able to be directed more to services and care rather than trying to modernize an aged building that is deteriorating daily.

The new location is very centrally located for the patient population we actually serve.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Meyer

180 South Third St.

Belleville, IL 62220

Thomas J. Meyer MD

February 16, 2015

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 practiced Radiology in Metro East including Breese, East St. Louis, Chester and Sparta from 1970 to 2006.

I have no connection.

It will not benefit me directly.

It is the right thing to do

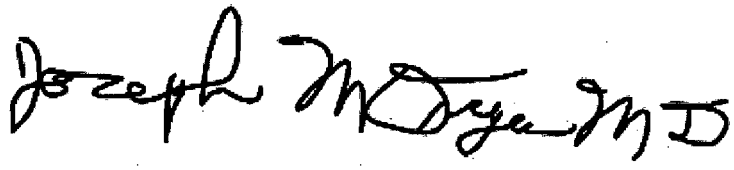
Thank you and I urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon to enhance health care for all residents of the Metro East region.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph Dugan

9475 golfinhurst ln

ST, LOUIS, MO 63127



February 18, 2015

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 Belleville, Illinois since 2004. I am a military retiree who supports the local community as a Mason, Shriner, and military retiree. Additionally, I work in the region and offer full support of St. Elizabeth's new hospital.

Both my wife and I have been to the current hospital and have had both inpatient and outpatient visits. Although the care was decent, we were both in semi-private rooms and were uncomfortable with the set-up.

The new location is somewhat closer and the improvement technology, private rooms, and area are much better than downtown belleville.

I offer my support because I believe the community needs and wants to move forward with improved services, techncology, patient comfort, and a safer area.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Jerry Glaze

401

Ring of Kerry, Il 62221

Jerry D. Glaze

February 21, 2015

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 in O'Fallon, Illinois for fiteen years. I am a teacher at the O'Fallon Township High School.

I have had several friends who have been treated at St. Elizabeth's. They have been happy with the services they received.

The new hospital will benifit my community by offering updated services with the newest technology and provide those services closer to my home, which could in turn save my life and the life of my family and friends at some future point.

I am also pleased that the hospital will bring new employment opportunities to my community. Especially since I have heard the hospital will be a training center for future medical personnel.

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 Raboin

420 North Penn Street

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

D. Raboin

February 21, 2015

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.

We moved to Belleville in 2006 when we were stationed here with the Air Force. I have since retired, but we chose to stay in the area. I am now an IT consultant workng for Booz Allen Hamilton in O'Fallon.

My wife Heather stood-up the Pre-admission program for the Mother Child Center. We have also been patients there, using the Emergency Department on several occassions as well as the Operating facilities.

The O'Fallon facility will offer great benefits to the community due mainly to the fact that it will offer the entire community modern facilities directly off the highway. This location is more convenient and timely to people living in the many developments througout the area.

I fully support construction of this vital 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,

Lt. Col. (Ret) Jim Tomaszewski

2824 Fairway Dr

Belleville, IL 62220-4833

February 23, 2015

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:

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

I grew up in this area and have served our healthcare community for 20+ years in business.

I am one of five children who were born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and my grandfather was a doctor in this community. We have had generations of family who have always chosen St. E's for many reasons including compassionate care. My children were also born at St. E's.

As a patient, as any patient would want for their own care, as well as the care of their family, it is vital to a community that its hospitals maintain the advancements and enhancements patients are requiring for care these days. Patients are under the impression that the care in St. Louis is better than the care locally and it simply isn't true. However doctors and patients are preferring newer, nicer and more technologically advanced healthcare. St. Elizabeth's Hospital advancement is needed for the catholic community as well as anyone who prefers a very caring atmosphere. This becomes paramount when you or a family member is in the hospital- for any period of time.

Holding any healthcare institution back from advancing in healthcare is completely absurd. We all benefit from advanced technology and we all appreciate a more up-to-date environment. Patients need options - and St. Elizabeth's mission to serve everyone, including those who cannot afford to pay for care, should not mean they may receive less than the absolute best most technologically advanced care/treatments available today.

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. Kelly Hunt

1691 Cross St.

Shiloh , IL 62269

Kelly Hunt

February 27, 2015

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.

We have lived in the area all our lives. We are both retired.

We both have been patients of the hospital at one time or another. Most recently, last week. We also use the outpatient services of the Wound Care Center.

The new location will be much more accessible for us and I assume a lot more people. The new location is not that far from the current one but it is right off the interstate. The current location does not have enough parking especially for handicapped persons. The hospital is in dire need of updated equipment, elevators and everything else.

A new hospital gives people a choice. The location is much more convenient for us, but as I stated it would be convenient for all. And the hospital must stay up to date with it's services and equipment. Seems like it would make much more sense to build a new facility rather than try updating the 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,

Mr. and Mrs. William Craig

503 Joyce Ln

New Baden, IL 62265

Mr. Mrs.
William Craig

February 27, 2015

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 the metro east for almost 8 years now. My husband is active guard at Scott AFB and I work for the DOD in downtown St. Louis.

I have had many friends deliver at St Elizabeth's that were active duty and all have had a pleasant experience.

The hospitals new location would provide families like mine greater access to the hospital and it would become my first choice when it comes to choosing which hospital I or my family will go to when the need arises.

I also support the move on behalf of all the military families who would greatly appreciate a newer, 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,

Mrs. Amy Kaley

210 W Deer Creek Rd

O fallon, IL 62269

February 28, 2015

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 been an RN at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 23 years. I work on 6th floor.

In addition to being an employee, I recently have been a patient in ICU and Med Surg. My father and Mother-in-law too have been patients here. Their care was impeccable. My care was beyond great. The hospital and my surgeons saved my life when I was near death.

The immediate access off I64 will be a huge advantage to the entire community and Metro east. This for me personally will allow more of my family to use St. Elizabeth's due to closer proximity

Downtown Belleville is a great place to eat and shop. In no way will moving St. Elizabeth's change any of the foot traffic that now supports Belleville. As an RN here, there are so many difficulties to up keep this old building. Pt's in the new hospital will have better access to the staff and the staff will have new state of the art advantages. As the Metro east community expands further east, this new hospital will benefit many more people.

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. Kristine Huckshold

18505 Co. Hwy 22

Nashville, Illinois 62231

March 05, 2015

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 don't actually live in Belleville, Illinois. My husband and I are military and currently living in Fairview Heights,Illinois .

I currently don't have a connection with the hospital just yet, I'm scheduled to see a specialist there,what the base is unable to provide they send their patients to someone who can which would be a specialist at St Elizabeth hospital in Belleville .

The O'fallon replacement hospital will benefit me better because of its location, it's right off the expressway. When trying to find do the hospital in Belleville, I got lost.

I support the project because I feel like it's time for a change, the Belleville hospital has been around for 140 years. Why not give the patients something new and approved.

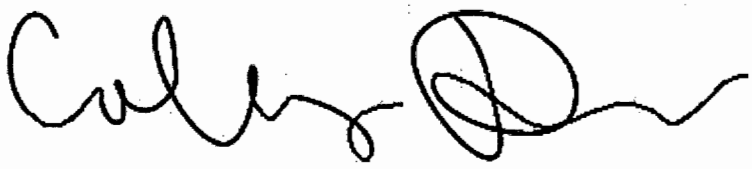
I firmly support approval of St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colby Anderson

53 Northbrook circle #24

Fairview Heights , Illinois 62208



March 06, 2015

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 Mascoutah my entire life (30 years) and am a stay-at-home mom to 2 young children.

I gave birth to both of my babies at St. Elizabeth's, and I have also had a few diagnostic tests done there. The commitment and care of the staff at St. Elizabeth's is unmatched in my opinion. They made all of my hospital experiences exemplary.

An O'Fallon location - especially one right off of the interstate - will be much more convenient for people like me. Especially in the case of an emergency, we would have peace of mind knowing that such a great hospital is within easy access.

In addition, though the current St. Elizabeth's Hospital experience is wonderful, it is obvious that the facility is extremely old. While they have done a great job keeping equipment up-to-date, there are only so many times you can renovate before you need to start over.

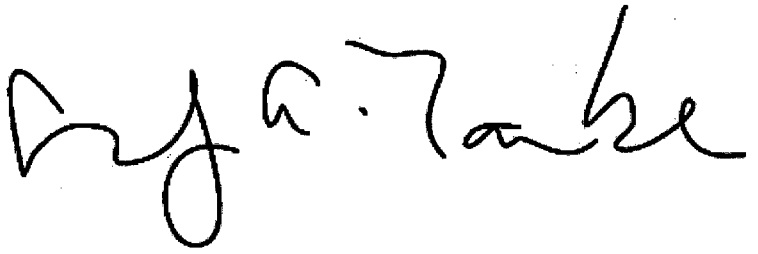
I hope you'll vote to approve the St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital project in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carolyn Taube

2 Fox Run

Mascoutah, Illinois 62258-2746



March 06, 2015

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 the Metro East for the past 5 years and currently work for Monsanto in the agricultural field.

My grandfather spend considerable time in St. Elizabeth's for an open heart surgery after a major heart attack. St. Elizabeth's has always been a professional and excellent hospital and I support the needs of the entity.

This replacement will allow for better facilities and care for the ones that we love.

In addition, the move will support job growth and an improved location/access to the hospital.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Justin Traiteur

617 Morrison

Waterloo, IL 62298

March 12, 2015

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 in the Metro-East (New Baden IL) for 20 years. I am retired. I am an officer in our Legion Post and on the Village Planning Committee.

I have often visited the St Es urgi clinic in O'Fallon. It would be nice if the hospital and the clinic were together for tests etc.

It will make the hospital closer to us and I-64. Obviously the location will be a heck of a lot better for us.

Having another first class hospital nearer to the population growth area is a big plus. Getting to Belleville from New Baden is a hassle. I agree with the the hospital staff that there is no way the current building can be upgraded to today's standard!

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 Sheridan

629 Christopher Lane

New Baden, IL 62265

James J Sheridan Jr

March 14, 2015

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.

In 1947 I started my life at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Growing up in Belleville, I listened to the sounds of construction with the enlargement of the hospital right outside my 3rd grade window at Cathedral Grade School in 1955. From there I joined the Mary's Helpers at the hospital and continued until starting nursing school.

My history with the hospital goes back to my birth and has continued over the years. Even though I moved from the Belleville area, my children were born there. And my husband's life was saved there by the amazing doctors of the Prairie Heart Institute! My entire nursing career has been with the HSHS Hospital System.

It is time we admit to ourselves and the community that this hospital that we have always held near and dear to our hearts (and has done it job well) is no longer capable of supporting the new technology needed for the advancement of healthcare. Moving it from Belleville to a more readily accessible location will allow the facility to grow and keep up with the times. St. Elizabeth's is not forsaking Belleville. As has been stressed over and over, there will still be Priority Care facilities ready to care for those in need of medical help. If man resisted change in the past, we'd still be drinking from streams and reading by candle light. It's time to move forward.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Voss

8200 Charlene Road

Bartelso, IL 62218

Barbara Voss, RN, CDE

March 17, 2015

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 been a homeowner in the Metro East since 2007, and both my spouse and my work has supported IT activities at Scott Air Force Base.

My spouse has received services at St. Elizabeth's in Belleville and has benefited from the knowledge and professionalism of the staff there. I have accompanied him on some of those visits.

i believe that hospitals need to address the needs of the populations they serve. just like a business or even a household, hospitals need to adapt and change with the times, incorporating new technologies, altering facilities, and undertaking endeavors that will keep them viable.

The metro east area has enough population to support hospitals in more locations than just Belleville, which currently has two hospitals. This may have made sense 50 years ago, but not now. Scott AFB no longer has a hospital. it seems appropriate for a hospital to reposition itself further east than Belleville. My additional concern is that if St Elizabeth's is precluded from expanding as it wishes, we may all be the losers, not just the folks in downtown Belleville who are distraught at a change to their neighborhood. Besides, The hospital will still maintain a presence there; it is not closing down completely. My metro east community has never had a hospital, and it now has a population of almost 30k, something it never had 40 years ago. We have had to build two new schools to accommodate the population increase. These changes must be considered.

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. Mary Von Tobel

25 Timber Oak Dr.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Mary Lohl

March 18, 2015

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.

25 years and retired.

No but I would like it available

Enhanced technology

More 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,

Mrs. Dorothy Golden

2192 S Moreland Rd

Edwardsville, il 62025

Dorothy Golden

March 19, 2015

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 WORK AT ST ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL AND AM VERY HAPPY ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL.

THIS IS MY PLACE OF WORK AND I HAVE ALSO BEEN A PATIENT IN THE SLEEP STUDY LAB AND OUT PATIENT SURGERY

I BELIEVE THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH THE REGULAR PATIENT AND THE NEW PATIENTS. EASY ACCESS OFF THE INTERSTATE.

THE OLD HOSPITAL NEEDS REPLACED BECAUSE OF ITS AGE AND THE COST OF ALL THE UPDATES THAT HAS TO BE DONE. ALSO THERE IS NO MORE ROOM TO EXPAND. THE NEW LOCATION GIVES MUCH MORE ROOM TO EXPAND AND HAVE MORE SERVICES.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. MELINDA KIRGAN

519 S FRANKLIN ST

SALEM, IL 62881

Melinda Kirgan

March 20, 2015

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.

My family has lived here for 11 years now. When my husband retired from the military we decided to make this our home.

Myself, my husband, and my children have all been treated at ST. E's for different ailments, and we have always been pleased with the care.

The O'fallon replacement hospital will give my family better access to the hospital.

ST.E's in Belleville is desperately in need of a new facility. A new facility will better showcase the outstanding staff that work at this hospital, and in the long run will decrease costs for this facility as it will be built more cost efficiently.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Postula

1002 Wyandot Ct

Mascoutah, IL 62258

March 22, 2015

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 this area my whole life.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I received excellent care when I fractured by leg and went to the Emergency Department at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. My mother has worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 19 years.

I believe St. Elizabeth's Hospital needs to be updated to continue to provide excellent care to the entire Metro East communities.

I believe St. Elizabeth's Hospital needs to update to be able to better serve the people here rather than them driving to St. Louis for treatment. Keeping your loved ones close when they are ill is very important to their recovery.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Keegan Gordon

8203 Heather Lane

Waterloo, IL 62298

Keegan Gordon

March 22, 2015

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 this area my whole life and St. Elizabeth's Hospital is where all of my family members go for treatment.

I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. My mother has been a nurse there for 19 years.

I believe a replacement hospital is needed to better take care of the patients in all of the Metro East area. Having a better facility will make the employees and patients happier.

The replacement hospital will just improve the care in Illinois and keep patients here rather than driving to Missouri.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Caden Gordon

8203 Heather Lane

Waterloo, IL 62298

Caden Gordon

March 25, 2015

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 the Metro East for 25 years, teaching young children in public and private programs and supporting families in their efforts to raise children in an increasingly challenging world.

My husband is a cancer survivor. The care he received during surgeries and post op care at St. Elizabeth's Hospital was exceptional. We continue to support St. Elizabeth's Hospital with a yearly donation.

The current location in downtown Belleville is difficult to access from other areas of the Metro East. Access via the interstate is vital to quick emergency care. The current location of the hospital confines growth and technology upgrades are costly when trying to utilize the existing resources/infrastructure of the 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. Kie Zelms

313 Griffin Gate

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

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March 26, 2015

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We have lived in the Metro East for 51 years.

My wife was a nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital for 45 years and each of my family have been a patient there at one time or another. My children were born there. I had a heart attack last year and the prompt intervention by one of the best cardiac hospitals in the country saved my life. (I am talking about St. E's of course)

The hospital is outdated and from what I understand, needs more than the present facility can be remodeled to attain. The new location is only a few miles from the heart of Belleville and much more easily reached by most of the county. The annex that Memorial is building is not a full medical center and should not be a drawback to our new hospital.

The technology at the new facility will only increase the level of care in our metro east area.

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

Sincerely,

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