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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: OSF St. Elizabeth Freestanding Emergency Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Streator I write to wholeheartedly support the establishment of a freestanding emergency center at the former HSHS St. Mary's Streator site. We served the Streator community for over 100 years and worked diligently with OSF to arrange for a transition of outpatient care. The HSHS St. Mary's Emergency Department saw 11,902 patients in 2014. Of these 9,919 or more than 80% arrived at the ED by means other than ambulance transport and a vast majority were from Streator zip codes. The community will benefit from access to emergency care at the proposed FEC, outcomes will improve and health care costs will be reduced.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Flanders
President/CEO