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November 19, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: OPPOSITION to Project #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

I want to express my deep concern as well as opposition to St. Elizabeth's Hospital plan to leave Belleville. With the advent of the Affordable Care Act, focus has shifted to holding hospitals more accountable to providing better and more accessible care at lower costs.

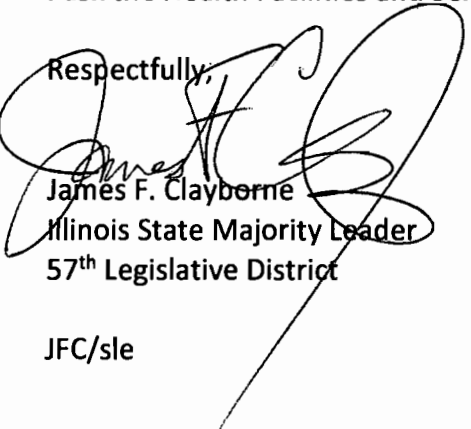
An expenditure of nearly \$300 million to build a facility further away from some of our most medically underserved in areas such as Belleville, East St. Louis, Cahokia and Centreville is directly counter to the nature of this significant policy and industry shift. In addition, access for residents living in communities south of Belleville, including Millstadt, Freeburg and Smithton will be severely impacted and in some cases could mean the difference between life and death.

While I can appreciate St. Elizabeth's vision for the future, I ask hospital leadership to consider a new plan that would modernize the current Belleville facility and upgrade services. Just as I have a responsibility to act in the best interests of my constituents, so too, does the Review Board. We must in turn implore our healthcare providers to be thoughtful and diligent in the expenditure of scarce resources. They must ensure adequate services are available to the largest population area offering the greatest benefit for the people they serve.

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I ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to deny Project #14-043 as presented.

Respectfully,



James F. Clayborne
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RE: Project #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

I would like to express my concern regarding St. Elizabeth's Hospital's application to move its' main campus out of Belleville, Illinois. Although I understand the hospital's need to upgrade its physical facility, I am concerned about the possibility of limiting access to healthcare that may be a result of the move.

In a recent letter to your Board, Kevin Hutchinson, the Executive Director of the St. Clair County Health Department wrote, "We are very concerned that the proposed replacement hospital location will adversely impact the safety net service currently provided by St. Elizabeth's Hospital to residents of St. Clair County." He noted further, "Other hospital emergency rooms in Belleville and Centreville may see a surge in demand and their capacity to meet this need has not been clearly addressed in the application."

There is no doubt that the current hospital in Belleville is in urgent need of a substantial upgrade of its physical facility. I appreciate St. Elizabeth's commitment to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in a new hospital. This investment would create needed construction jobs in our area. Additionally, I have grave concerns for the future of the St. Elizabeth employees. Still, the issue of access to healthcare if the certificate of need were approved remains.

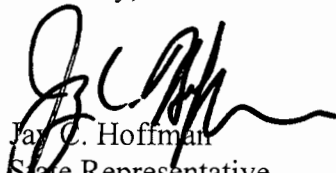
I would urge the Board require St. Elizabeth to consider a new plan that would reinvest these dollars in the current Belleville site. Recently, your Board approved a project that ensured Memorial Hospital in Belleville reinvest and commit to its' Belleville facility while a C.O.N. was granted to build a satellite Memorial Hospital East in the general vicinity of St. Elizabeth's

proposed new facility. This ensured Memorial's commitment to access to healthcare in the Belleville area, while allowing them to expand to other areas of the county. St. Elizabeth's should be required to explore the same option.

Ultimately, the decision on granting or denying St. Elizabeth's proposal lies in the sound discretion of your Board. In reaching your conclusion, I ask that the Board take into account the adverse effect on healthcare access under the current proposal and demand that St. Elizabeth's consider a new plan that would substantially reinvest dollars in its' current Belleville facility.

Thank you for your generous time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Jay C. Hoffman
State Representative
113th District

November 18, 2014

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in regard to Project #14-043, the St. Elizabeth Hospital move.

First, I would like to share a portion of my involvement with the Greater Belleville community. I am currently on the Board of Directors of: the Belleville Chamber (Past President), the Belle-Scott Committee (Scott Air Force Base Civic group & Past Chairman), the West End Redevelopment Corp. (West Belleville civic group)...past member of the Belleville 201 High School Board (Past President) & Okaw Valley Boy Scouts Executive Committee and many other organizations, too many to mention in the sake of space.

It is my understanding that the purpose of this review board is to ensure that, with the importance of health care as it stands today, all communities are properly served and there are no unsustainable duplication of services. It appears to me that for St. Elizabeth's to build a replacement facility in O'Fallon, within 2 miles of the new Memorial facility, is a perfect example of the exact reason your Board was established. They are not building a satellite like Memorial, they are going to abandon Belleville and their less affluent population for a better payer mix in a much more affluent O'Fallon.

Through presentations I have sat through, Memorial Hospital went through the CON process and painstakingly showed how building a satellite helped the community in Belleville, O'Fallon and surrounding communities by adding services at Memorial East in O'Fallon. The reallocation of beds from the Belleville campus allowed for a conversion of shared rooms to be converted to private rooms, which is what the patient wants. Additionally, the O'Fallon/Shiloh area gets a new facility to augment their growing population. I have to believe that the Board takes into consideration the financial viability of any organization seeking CON approval, because it doesn't serve anybody if the organization can't financially support itself. I also have to believe that if St. Elizabeth's builds a replacement facility within 2 miles of Memorial East, the financial projections of Memorial, that they worked so hard on for CON approval, will become significantly impacted to the point that Memorial East's financial viability would be compromised. Add to that scenario the fact that the downtown Belleville population that so relies on St. Elizabeth's accessibility would ultimately be impacted when St. Elizabeth's finally pulls out of Belleville. I sat through the presentation where St.

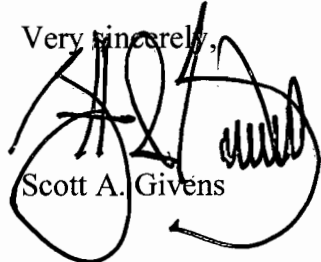
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Elizabeth's presented to the Belleville Chamber Board that they would leave Accounting and Technology offices in Belleville along with an Urgent Care Center, but being a businessman, those decentralized offices won't last long when trying to cut expenses and consolidating offices in one location. Memorial Hospital cannot sustain the added burden of the underinsured. Those two impacts on the Memorial system could spell disaster. Unlike St. Elizabeth's, which is just one part of a 13 hospital system, Memorial is a true Community hospital, building a satellite to increase sustainability and improve service in the challenging healthcare industry. I was just reading about HSHS, St. Elizabeth's parent, in an October 28, 2014 article how their "systemwide revenue increased 4.1% to \$2.09 billion" and how their "total surplus, including investment returns, increased 36% to \$228.3 million." In the same article, the increasing pressure to drop everything to the bottomline is challenging, but there is a lot more room in HSHS to address financial issues than Memorial.

While the impact on Memorial would be significant, the impact to Belleville will be even greater with the significant loss of jobs, real estate off the tax records, not to mention the huge hole left by the footprint of the hospital itself. During her presentation, Maryann Reese indicated that \$20 million was set aside for demolition...why not use that toward modernizing their current facility! Not just Belleville would be impacted, communities south of Belleville would experience longer drive times getting to the O'Fallon facility as well. In my mind, even the O'Fallon community would be negatively impacted with the hospital going where they have the land...my daughter lives in O'Fallon and there are certain times of the day you can't get off the highway without sitting through 5 turns of the street lights. Again, I would mention the underserved in the Belleville community that would not have the ability to get all the way to O'Fallon...the phrase has been used, "abandoning those that need the care the most just to move to a better payer mix." That is the perception and, as we all know, perception is reality.

To sum up, this application is a textbook example of why the IHFSRB was formed in the first place...to prevent the abandonment of one area with great needs and avoid a duplication of services that jeopardize another already approved project. As a businessman, I hesitate to have government get involved in free market decisions, but as this is a non-profit entity, that impacts more than financial shareholders, I must respectfully ask this Board to deny St. Elizabeth's project #14-043.

Very sincerely,

Scott A. Givens



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RE: PROJECT #14-043

I am writing to state my opposition to the above referenced project as proposed. I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to deny Project # 14-043. Listed below are the reasons to support my opinion:

Access to Care, Impact on Patients

- The move will impact medically underserved patients with limited transportation and resources to access care
- EMS travel times
- Patients in communities to the south will have to travel further for care – minutes matter in saving lives

Planning Board Rules

- The O'Fallon site is a duplication of services, located less than 2 miles from Memorial East
- The Planning Board exists to prevent duplication of services within close geographic proximity of other healthcare facilities providing like services

Impact on Memorial

- St. Elizabeth's move from Belleville will strain capacity at Memorial not only because they are leaving our community but because they are cutting beds and services for area patients
- Projections for utilization at Memorial East would be negatively impacted
- Memorial would support St. Elizabeth's building a replacement hospital in Belleville

Impact on Belleville

- Moving 1,200 jobs out the city would leave a void in the core of downtown
- Businesses and homeowners would be impacted by loss in property values
- Belleville needs more than one Emergency Department

Please consider this as you decide on project proposal #14-043.

Best Regards,

Marquita Trenier Wiley

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

RE: Letter of Opposition Project 14-043 - St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being submitted to voice the strenuous opposition of Franklin Neighborhood Community Association (FNCA) to St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to close its Belleville hospital. FNCA provides educational and community support to low income families in Belleville, and St. Elizabeth's current site is in the Franklin neighborhood.

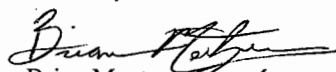
Belleville has a large low-income population that will be hurt by the closing of St. Elizabeth's Belleville hospital. The Illinois Department of Education reports that more than 65% of Belleville's students come from a low-income home, and 85% of the students at Franklin Elementary School, which is located less than a half mile for St. Elizabeth's, are living in poverty. I served as principal of Franklin School for five years and know this area very well. Residents of the Franklin neighborhood—many of which do not own cars—can now easily get to St. Elizabeth's. That won't be the case, should the hospital move to O'Fallon.

One of the programs offered through FNCA is a summer camp for children from low-income homes. Understanding the catastrophic consequences of St. Elizabeth's planned move, we surveyed the families of our campers concerning the potential of St. Elizabeth's moving to O'Fallon. This survey process was under the direction of our volunteer and very active FNCA director who also has 30+ years of private sector executive management experience in finance and tax compliance. Twenty-three families responded. Only three of the families (13%) indicated that they would continue to use St. Elizabeth's if it moved to O'Fallon. The remaining 20 families (87%) indicated that they would use Memorial, when in need of a hospital. These are the families living near St. Elizabeth's, and while this is a small sampling of Belleville's low-income families, it strongly contradicts St. Elizabeth's repeated statements that their patients will "follow them."

Stated another way, St. Elizabeth's, by relocating to O'Fallon, will be literally moving from those most in need, and limiting access to Belleville's financially disadvantaged community. Regardless of St. Elizabeth's motives, the impact on Belleville's low-income population would be devastating.

We urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to ensure continued access to care by denying St. Elizabeth's plans.

Sincerely,



Brian Mentzer
President, FNCA Board of Directors

Together We Can Make Belleville Stronger

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November 20, 2014

Mr. Mike Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

To Mr. Mike Constantino:

The Belleville Township Board passed this Resolution 2014-1 on November 18, 2014.

Sincerely,



Dennis F. Korte, Sr.

Supervisor

Belleville Township

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED
APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES
AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD BY ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL OF
THE HOSPITAL SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS
FOR PROPOSED HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Belleville Township Board of Trustees to act in the best interests of its citizens;

WHEREAS, access to care is a fundamentally important issue for the citizens of Belleville, especially so for the economically challenged communities surrounding Belleville;

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Hospital has been a fixture of our community for the last 140 years, with both the citizens of Belleville benefitting from this relationship, but also St. Elizabeth's Hospital benefitting from the committed dedication of Belleville;

WHEREAS, the Belleville Township Board of Trustees believes that St. Elizabeth's Hospital and HSHS have set out to advance the interests of their business and entirely disregarded the destructive impact it will have on the Township of Belleville;

WHEREAS, the Belleville Township Board of Trustees considers it disingenuous for a not-for-profit charitable organization to benefit from 140 years of tax exemptions and then complain that recommitting to that same community that has housed it would be "too costly" to pursue;

WHEREAS, all of the benefits that will be bestowed upon O'Fallon/Shiloh will befall Belleville;

WHEREAS, all of the benefits that St. Elizabeth's Hospital is seeking could be achieved within Belleville, perhaps only with the exception of a more affluent community and better payor mix;

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Hospital leaving Belleville would undermine the economic viability of the community;

WHEREAS, the Township of Belleville can ill afford to lose the thousands of jobs and the millions of dollars in economic benefit that would result from the abandonment of the downtown area by relocating St. Elizabeth's Hospital;

WHEREAS, indigent communities would have a notably harder time accessing healthcare in O'Fallon, far more so than they have for over 140 years in Belleville;

WHEREAS, the Belleville Township Board of Trustees believes that two new hospitals within a mile of Exit 16 in O'Fallon/Shiloh would be an unnecessary duplication of services and adversely impact access to healthcare;

WHEREAS, the Belleville Township Board of Trustees wants its citizens to know this is not a done deal and that it is important to let their voices be heard;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Belleville Township Board of Trustees, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Township of Belleville does not oppose progress, so long as progress does not come at the expense of Belleville, and the Township of Belleville would invite a modern St. Elizabeth's Hospital pursued in the community that has supported it for the last 140 years and grown to depend on St. Elizabeth's Hospital for its healthcare and for the economic viability of the community; and

RESOLVED, that if HSHS and St. Elizabeth's claim that the only options are O'Fallon/Shiloh or closing, that reflects an ultimatum of their own creation because the Township of Belleville remains committed to a brand new or modernized St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville.

RESOLVED, that the Belleville Township Board of Trustees opposes Projects 14-043 and 14-044 to establish a new St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon;

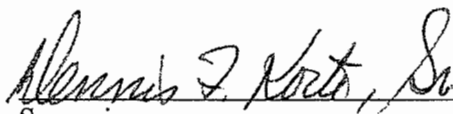
RESOLVED, that the Belleville Township Board of Trustees calls upon its citizens and the citizens of the surrounding communities to let their voices be heard – and either attend the public hearing or submit comments to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board; and

RESOLVED, that Belleville does not oppose progress, but it does oppose abandonment!

PASSED by the Belleville Township Board of Trustees, on this 18th day of November, 2014 on the following roll call vote:

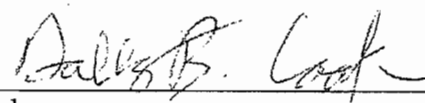
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Joy Schreiber	<u>X</u>	_____
Joe Swierczek	<u>X</u>	_____
Joe Hubbard	<u>X</u>	_____
Dennis Korte	<u>X</u>	_____

APPROVED by the Supervisor of the Township of Belleville, Illinois this 18th day of November, 2014.



Supervisor

ATTEST:



Clerk

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RESOLUTION NO. 14-10

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED
APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES
AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD BY ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL OF
THE HOSPITAL SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS
FOR PROPOSED HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees to act in the best interests of its citizens;

WHEREAS, access to care is a fundamentally important issue for the citizens of Millstadt;

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Hospital has been a fixture of the central and southern St. Clair County community for the last 140 years, with both the citizens of Millstadt benefitting from this relationship, but also St. Elizabeth's Hospital benefitting from the committed dedication to the region;

WHEREAS, the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees believes that St. Elizabeth's Hospital and HSHS have set out to advance the interests of their business and entirely disregarded the destructive impact it will have on the central and southern St. Clair County region;

WHEREAS, the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees considers it disingenuous for a not-for-profit charitable organization to benefit from 140 years of tax exemptions and then complain that recommitting to that same community that has housed it would be "too costly" to pursue;

WHEREAS, all of the benefits that will be bestowed upon O'Fallon/Shiloh will befall the central and southern St. Clair County region;

WHEREAS, all of the benefits that St. Elizabeth's Hospital is seeking could be achieved closer to its current location, perhaps only with the exception of a more affluent community and better payor mix;

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Hospital leaving the central and southern St. Clair County region would undermine the economic viability of the community;

WHEREAS, the central and southern St. Clair County region can ill-afford to lose the thousands of jobs and the millions of dollars in economic benefit that would result from the abandonment of the region by relocating St. Elizabeth's Hospital;

WHEREAS, indigent communities would have a notably harder time accessing healthcare in O'Fallon, far more so than they have for over 140 years in Belleville;

WHEREAS, the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees believes that two new hospitals within a mile of Exit 16 in O'Fallon/Shiloh would be an unnecessary duplication of services and adversely impact access to healthcare;

WHEREAS, the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees wants its citizens to know this is not a done deal and that it is important to let their voices be heard;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Millstadt does not oppose progress, so long as progress does not come at the expense of the central and southern St. Clair County region, and the Village of Millstadt would invite a modern St. Elizabeth's Hospital pursued in the community that has supported it for the last 140 years and grown to depend on St. Elizabeth's Hospital for its healthcare and for the economic viability of the community; and

RESOLVED, that if HSHS and St. Elizabeth's claim that the only options are O'Fallon/Shiloh or closing, that reflects an ultimatum of their own creation because the Village of Millstadt remains committed to a brand new or modernized St. Elizabeth's Hospital in central/southern St. Clair County.

RESOLVED, that the Village of Millstadt Board of Trustees opposes Projects 14-043 and 14-044 to establish a new St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Millstadt calls upon its citizens and the citizens of the surrounding communities to let their voices be heard – and either attend the public hearing or submit comments to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board; and

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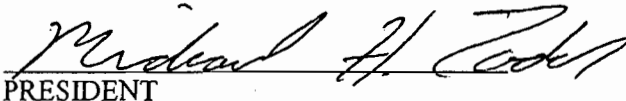
PASSED BY THE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT, ILLINOIS, this 10 day of October, 2014.

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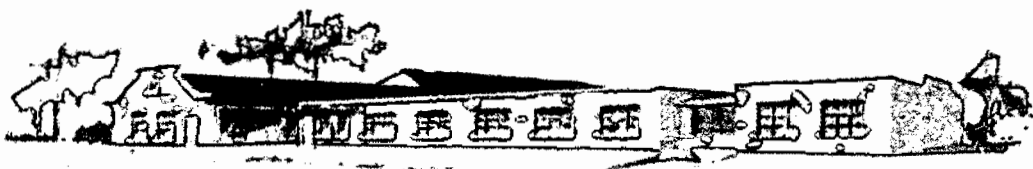
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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT, ILLINOIS, this 10 day of October, 2014.


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


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RE: Project #14-043

Esteemed Board Members:

I am writing to you today regarding the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital currently located in Belleville, Illinois. Speaking on behalf of Century Brass Works Incorporated and its related entities; Century Castings Corporation, Metro-East Manufacturing, and Kettler Castings, including over one hundred employees living in the metro area, we oppose the proposed relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, Illinois.

This move will seriously impact local residents. Many patients have limited resources and are dependent on St. Elizabeth's Hospital to access the medical care they need. Traveling the additional distance to the proposed location would impose unnecessary hardships on their already strained resources. It's not just about the increase in transportation costs, every second counts when trying to save a life.

The residents of Belleville deserve quality medical care and they deserve to be treated in a timely manner. The proposed relocation of the facility to O'Fallon, Illinois would leave local residents with only one option for emergency medical care which could drastically increase wait times for treatment. The increase in the number of patients seeking treatment at the one remaining facility would increase the demand on already overburdened resources during these troubling times.

The proposed move would also negatively impact the city of Belleville and the local business community. Over 1,200 jobs would be leaving the city, causing unnecessary hardships for local businesses that depend on the revenue those jobs generate. A lack of conveniently accessible medical care could also negatively impact property values, causing businesses and homeowners to reconsider moving to the area, which in turn could seriously affect tax revenues for the city. Diminishing tax revenues could lead to a reduction in public services provided by the city for its residents, further depleting existing resources.

There are several alternatives to the proposed relocation. One such possibility is to renovate the current location to upgrade the facility so that it is better prepared to provide new state-of-the-art diagnostics and treatments. A second alternative is to build a new facility in close proximity to the existing facility to continue to provide services to patients living in the area. The effort to abandon low income patients in an attempt to increase revenue by relocating to a more affluent area should not be tolerated.

As a safety professional, I can't in good conscience remain silent when lives are at risk. The medical services provided by the hospital are vital to the wellbeing of our friends and neighbors. It is imperative that St. Elizabeth's Hospital continue to provide medical services for the residents of Belleville, not O'Fallon. We as a community must protect our less fortunate neighbors, and I believe that keeping St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the city of Belleville is imperative.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me. I hope you will carefully consider the impact of your decision on us, our friends and our neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Helen R. Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Helen" and last name "Thomas" clearly legible.

Helen R. Thomas
Safety Director
Century Brass Works, Inc.

Nov. 19, 2014

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Illinois Health Facilities and Service Board,

Dear Mr. Constantino,

My wife and I are writing this letter to express our opposition to moving St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, Il.

Previously living twenty miles south of Belleville, my wife and I relied on St. E's for health care. For many towns and villages south of Belleville, St. E's has been relied on as the main hospital for major health issues. I can tell you that on a good day it takes 40 minutes to just get to Belleville from Red Bud.

We all rely on private ambulance services. It should also be noted that not even Belleville has an ambulance or paramedic department. Because of that, the response time can be any imaginable time frame. As mayor of Swansea I am aware of response times. Just recently an ambulance took 20 minutes to get to a local accident scene. The ambulances that serve most of our area and most communities south of Belleville park on parking lots somewhere in the middle of the service area. These ambulances can be as far away as 10 or 15 miles.

Another issue in this area is there aren't always straight routes to Belleville, and if the hospital moves it will create even more problems. St. Elizabeth's is the closest hospital for all those south and east of Belleville. The time to get from the points south or east will cause more chance of death. Imagine living in rural Red Bud or Mascoutah. This isn't like living in St. Louis or Chicago. We don't have 4-lane highways to get from one community to another. The rural roads are old and narrow, and thus do not promote easy access to other areas. St. E's is the closest possible help they can get and could be a life-saver.

Even trying to get to Memorial Hospital from where we live takes 15 minutes on a good day. We only live about 4 miles from Memorial. When you add a response time of anywhere from 15 to 20 minutes and then travel another 15 minutes you just might not survive.

We believe that moving St. Elizabeth's will have a very negative impact on the health of thousands of citizens in this entire area, but especially the rural areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Mueller, Swansea IL
Alice Mueller

LYNCH
7000 Holcomb School Road
Freeburg, IL 62243

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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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Re: Opposition to Project #14-043
St. Elizabeth's Hospital Relocation

Dear Ms. Avery:

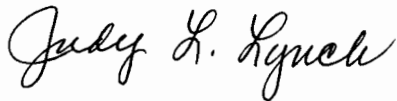
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I am opposed to this request.

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I hope after your careful consideration of the health and well being of the patients that St. Elizabeth's Hospital serves, that you deny this request.

Sincerely,



Judy L. Lynch

cc: Michael Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Section
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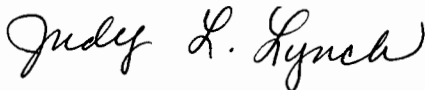
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in regards to St. Elizabeth's Hospital wanting to build a new hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois. **I would like this project to be denied.** The Belleville area is highly populated and Memorial Hospital will not be able to accommodate everyone needing care. The St. Elizabeth's facility is located exactly where care is needed and the facility would just need some updating and remodeling instead of abandoning and re-building.

It would make no sense whatsoever to have a second hospital built in the O'Fallon Illinois area. That would over-saturate care in that area and leave the Belleville area lacking.

Please consider denying this request from St. Elizabeth's hospital to leave Belleville and re-build in O'Fallon.

Sincerely,



James Classen
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Belleville, IL 62221
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November 17, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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I'm writing today to voice my opposition of project #14-043. Being raised in the community surrounding St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, I fear the detrimental impact the move to O'Fallon will have on the community. Not only will residents lose their access to healthcare in their neighborhood, they will suffer economic damages through the loss of local employment, declining house values and lost business for many small business owners.

Another concern I have regarding the proposed project is the impact it will have on Memorial Hospital. The proposed hospital is a duplication of service in the O'Fallon/Shiloh community which would put Memorial's investment in the Shiloh Hospital at risk, further impacting employees of Memorial Hospital and residents of the Belleville community.

I urge you to consider all facts in the proposal and the impact it will have on the care patients receive, the economic damage it will cause to the Belleville community and the risk it will pose to the facility Memorial Hospital is constructing in Shiloh.

Sincerely,



Jodi Hollaway

348 Forrest Oak Drive
Caseyville, IL 62232

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Ms. Courtney Avery,

11/18/2014

This correspondence pertains to St. Elizabeth's request for a CON to allow the construction of a new acute care hospital in O'Fallon, Il., project number **14-043**. I oppose this move out of concern for the community of Belleville. A closing of the current location would leave Belleville area residents underserved in the acute health care setting. Memorial Hospital is already experiencing an increase in demand for services, especially in the Emergency Department. A loss of another emergency care provider would further limit available resources to the local community. I recently experienced a visit to the ED at Memorial. Waiting areas were filled to capacity, and wait times (per triage system) were lengthy for some. It seems to me to be an unpleasant vision of what the same scenario could be with the closing of another local ED provider. In addition, Memorial will be decreasing their number of acute care beds with the opening of the new facility in O'Fallon. If limited to one acute care setting, I must wonder, where will the necessary inpatient admissions go to? Spending the night in the ED is not an appealing prospect that I would want for myself, my loved ones, or for that matter, yours. And, as a resident of Waterloo, I do not wish to have my family members drive daily to O'Fallon for visitation.

I do hope that the review board strongly considers the true negative impact that the closing of a hospital in the Belleville area would have on the many residents in need of reasonably close health care providers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Kohnz

1530 Ontario Drive

Waterloo, Illinois

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November 21, 2014

Courtney Avery
Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery:

RE: OPPOSITION to Project #14-043

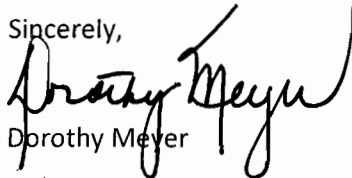
I am writing in regard to the pending application (Project #14-043) of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's proposed move to O'Fallon, Illinois.

When this move was first being contemplated, Jim Burke and Mark Riefsteck, representatives of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and HSHS, had a meeting in 2010 with St. Clair County Board Chairman, Mark Kern. In my capacity as assistant to Chairman Kern, I was in attendance at that meeting.

I feel compelled to share something that occurred at that meeting that distressed me at the time and still does. In the meeting, Mr. Burke stated that the reason that St. Elizabeth wanted to move was payer mix. They now seem to be denying that as the reason for the move and I think it is important to share this information with the Board.

I encourage you to deny their application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Dorothy Meyer

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Jeffry R. Lutz
608 East Waters Edge Dr.
Belleville, IL 62221

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RE: Project #14-043

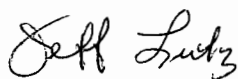
Dear Ms. Avery:

As a lifelong resident and concerned citizen of Belleville, I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital from its present location in Belleville to the Fairview Heights/O'Fallon area. The proposed relocation would be detrimental to the future growth of the city and would disrupt the balance of health care services provided by St. Elizabeth's and Memorial Hospital.

My opinion, along with many others is that HSHS should upgrade services at their current location which would better benefit the community and the region it serves.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffry R. Lutz

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To whom it may concern,

I am a citizen of the city of Belleville. I live, work, shop, dine, and participate in my community. I am an employee of Memorial hospital. As I did not want my letter to reflect solely on my opinions based on employment at Memorial, my involvement in the city of Belleville is much deeper. My family has roots in this area for over one hundred years. Most of my family members, including myself, were born at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

In the past 3 to 5 years, I have had 4 living grandparents. One of which has recently passed in the month of May. All of these grandparents have had doctors and hospital visits that were at St. Elizabeth's because this was the hospital they've had confidence in for decades. In the recent years their confidence has declined. Some of the things that has changed their opinion about St. Elizabeth's is a lack of concern for patient needs, poor medical equipment, poor recommendations made by doctors, and a lack of respect for families and patients.

I will give you one instance that changed the mindset of one of my grandparents. In August of 2011, she had suffered from a fall just outside her home. She was sent by ambulance to St. Elizabeth's emergency room, per her choice. They found that her arm was broken just below her shoulder, and she was having severe pain and weakness in her groin area and lower extremities. It had been one day since admission to the hospital. My grandmother, who was independent in her home before this without any difficulty, could not walk or even move without severe pain, so much so that she would yell out. We were told that they were going to be discharging her that day, meaning that we would be taking her home in this extreme condition. They had x-rayed her hip, and according to the staff in the emergency room there was a hairline crack in her groin. Therefore we were quite shocked to hear they were sending her home due to Medicare's advice. The Dr. came to give us discharge instructions and was very crass. We asked him about the crack and he acted surprised, saying, "What crack"?

The social worker came and argued that they had no means to keep her if Medicare deems there to be no reason to. We had no time to figure out what to do and felt lost without assistance. We did not know even how we could take care of her on our own, but we knew that something must be wrong for her to be having so much pain and weakness. My family would not typically handle situations this way, but when you are desperate, you have to go through desperate measures. I don't know how to describe it other than to say my mother had to throw a fit to get the staff to listen. We contacted her family physician on our own, and got her to agree to check her out more thoroughly with the threat that we would have to pay the bill if they find nothing. When the x-rays came back it did show she had a hairline crack in her groin area. We were relieved, not because her pelvis was broken, but because we knew what was causing her pain and it could be treated.

We felt betrayed because a hospital should be eager to treat not eager to discharge if there is still a problem. What makes this situation even worse was that the next day my grandmother's oxygen levels dropped to 40 and she almost died. The emergency response team was called and she was saved. I thank St. Elizabeth's for that, but it's scary to think of what would have happened had she been discharged the day before and been at home when that happened. Throughout this situation we felt a constant feeling of defensiveness in replace of concern for the patient.

My reasoning for providing you with this information is not because I think St. Elizabeth's is a bad organization, but I do feel that they are lacking in some major areas. I feel that an organization cannot be fixed by a different location even though Shiloh/O'Fallon is known to be a more wealthy area in the metro-east. The root of the problem must be healed before it can grow. Shouldn't we first raise the bar, make healthcare better, and expect better before we allow an organization to leave a community that needs them?

I do want St. Elizabeth's hospital to stay in my community because we do need them. I agree that expansion may be necessary in the future, but expansion not abandonment. A community that has tried to support and believe in them for decades deserves to be heard. In spite of the problems my family has experienced, I still believe that St. Elizabeth's is a great hospital. They have been known for reaching out to the community in the past. But I am disappointed in them for the lack of remorse for leaving us with seemingly no concern.

Belleville just celebrated their 200th anniversary, and has a large population of elderly. These folks have relied on them because they are close to home, and favor their type of care. We want St. Elizabeth's to stay in Belleville. I hate seeing a community have to beg an organization to stay when it has been a vital part for over a century.

Sincerely,

Lindsay L. Forsythe

Opposition to the Certificate of Need for St. Elizabeth Hospital

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I am greatly opposed to the Project Application #14-043. St. Elizabeth's has been serving the Belleville community for decades. Removing this availability to the people of Belleville is disastrous. Citizens will have to travel longer distances in dense traffic to reach the new O'Fallon destination. This could cause serious outcomes for patients suffering with an illness that may need immediate life or death care.

This move could also greatly impact services at the current Memorial location straining their capacity above the limits. This new sight is a duplication of services located less than two miles from the new Memorial East.

Please consider rejecting this certificate of need to keep downtown Belleville alive and thriving and provide necessary services to our population.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee Junker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Renee" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Junker".

Renee Junker MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM

November 19, 2014

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RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my concerns about the plans for St. Elizabeth's Belleville hospital to relocate from the City of Belleville to the proposed O'Fallon location. I believe this move will adversely impact meeting the health care needs of residents of Belleville, specifically the economically disadvantaged residents. My husband is the Senior Pastor at a large church within blocks of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Through my involvement with the church I frequently witness the significant needs of residents of the Belleville community, including their health care needs. St. Elizabeth's has stated the new location is only seven miles from the current location, but for many residents of Belleville this will impact their access to care.

Memorial is building a second hospital in Shiloh but this move was based on the needs of that area, not on economic advantages. Memorial Hospital continues to invest in their current Belleville location, over \$168 million in the last 10 years, indicating a commitment to the community needs. If St. Elizabeth's relocates to the O'Fallon community and vacates the Belleville location, it will certainly impact access of care to many Belleville residents, which in my opinion does not support their mission of serving the poor.

In addition, if St. Elizabeth's relocates I am concerned that Memorial's Emergency Department on the Belleville campus would have difficulty managing the additional volume. Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department has experienced tremendous growth over the last 10 years. With the closure of St. Elizabeth's, additional volume would present to Memorial's Emergency Department, which most likely would create significant capacity issues. Since the Emergency Department is the main point of entry for many hospital admissions, this additional volume will increase the long patient queues to be seen in an efficient manner.

For these reasons I am opposed to St. Elizabeth's proposal to relocate all their services to the O'Fallon location. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Nancy Weston
Nancy Weston
Belleville, Illinois

cc: Mr. Mike Constantino

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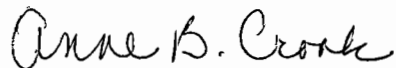
I am writing to express my opposition to St. Elizabeth's Hospital closing their acute care hospital in Belleville and moving their inpatient facility to O'Fallon.

My husband and I have lived in Belleville for over 30 years. St. Elizabeth's Hospital has served both my family members and friends. In recent years my husband became ill at work and needed emergent treatment. From where he works in the coal mining industry in Southern Illinois, St. Elizabeth's Hospital is the closest facility. He and many other employees that work in the coal industry in Southern Illinois have utilized St. Elizabeth Hospital for emergency services related to injury and illness while at work. If St. Elizabeth's moves to the O'Fallon site, this will negatively impact the needed emergent services that the Southern Illinois coal miners have access to. Time is critical in these emergency situations and should not be sacrificed for a new site and new building, when the current location has established nearly 140 years of commitment and growth from those communities now needing St. Elizabeth's presence more than ever.

Those who work in the coal mining industry work in potentially dangerous conditions every day to provide much needed energy resources. They as well as each member of the community that St. Elizabeth's serves, deserves the best, most convenient health care services available.

I strongly urge you to deny the CON permit. The community has pledged to assist St. Elizabeth in the building of a replacement hospital in Belleville. Please do not let them abandon their mission to serve the poor and underserved.

Sincerely,



Anne B. Crook
520 Millstone Drive
Belleville, Illinois 62221

John C. Ziegler
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O Fallon, IL 62269

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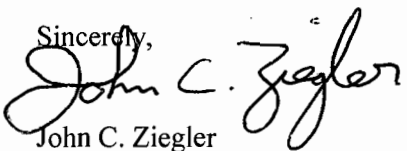
Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as an official letter of opposition against the HSHS - St. Elizabeth's Hospital request to build a new hospital in O Fallon IL.

My opposition is based on several factors:

- (1) The proposed site for St. Elizabeth's new hospital in O'Fallon IL is less than 2 miles away from a new full-service hospital that is currently being built and will be open in early 2016 – Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh, IL. To approve another new hospital in O'Fallon/Shiloh Illinois, before Memorial Hospital East is given an opportunity to serve the communities of O'Fallon and Shiloh and become financially viable - goes against healthcare spending prudence.
- (2) At present time, the City of Belleville has approximately 654 licensed acute care beds (338 from St. Elizabeth's Hospital and 316 from Memorial Hospital). In April 2016, those licensed beds in Belleville will be reduced to 554 licensed acute care beds, since 94 licensed beds will go to Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh, IL and 6 beds will go back to the State of Illinois. If the St. Elizabeth CON is approved then in 2017/2018, the number of licensed beds in the City of Belleville will be reduced to 216 licensed beds – for a community that currently has an average daily census of 290 inpatient beds (between Memorial Hospital and St. Elizabeth's Hospital). If St. Elizabeth's Hospital is allowed to leave Belleville, then **access to care will become a hardship** for the underserved population in Belleville (with limited transportation) and its surrounding communities (in particular the communities south of Belleville).
- (3) The St. Elizabeth Hospital building (built in 1954) is only 4 years older than the Memorial Hospital building (built in 1958). Should the CON process reward an organization for not investing in its physical plant by allowing them to abandon their community when their asset (hospital building) becomes aged? Fiscal neglect and lack of long-term planning should not be rewarded.
- (4) Downtown Belleville does have enough available land and a willing partner, the Belleville City government, to build a new St. Elizabeth's hospital building in downtown Belleville, which would allow both current hospitals in Belleville to continue serving its underserved and underinsured population in Belleville and the communities south of Belleville.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John C. Ziegler

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Subject: Project #14-043—St. Elizabeth's Hospital CON

Members of the Review Board:

As residents of Belleville, we are encouraging the Board to deny St. Elizabeth's Hospital's CON to move from Belleville to O'Fallon. While numerous reasons have been voiced to discourage the move including (1) duplication of services in O'Fallon with the soon to be opened Memorial Hospital only two miles away, (2) the negative economic effect to the renewed vitality of the core of new Belleville businesses with the moving of approximately 1,200 jobs out of the City; and, the loss of Belleville homeowner's property value as well as degradation of the planned and potential growth of the City; and, (3) the most important negative effect will be to the patients who rely on St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

In the past twenty years, the area to the south and southwest of Belleville has experienced a significant growth. Smithton, Freeburg, Millstadt, New Athens, Waterloo, Columbia and the areas surrounding those towns have grown exponentially. One only needs to look at the significant increases in the enrollment in the grade schools and high schools which serve these communities to realize that these areas are having significant growth and will continue to have significant increases in population---people to whom St. Elizabeth's needs to provide health care. A proposed highway coupler from Troy, to Mid-America Airport (crossing I64), the south side of Belleville, the south side of Millstadt, to Columbia and Route 3/I255 will eventually be built. This will cause further increases in population along that corridor, especially south and southwest of Belleville. From a community planning perspective and providing "critical health care services" within a thirty (30) to sixty (60) minute period of time for these residents and most of the residents of the City of Belleville and adjacent population areas (Belleville, Swansea, etc. zip codes) as well as Centreville, East

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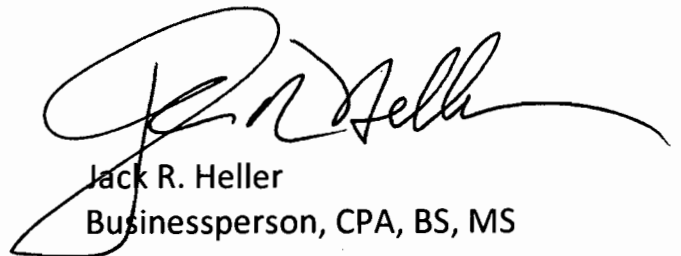
St. Louis, Cahokia, Duplo, it appears that a "new metro Belleville" St. Elizabeth's Hospital should be physically close to a proposed intersection of the planned coupler and Illinois 15 (which would also make it accessible to the Interstate System) and remain part of the City of Belleville. If, as St. Elizabeth's management contends, it wants to be a "regional hospital" and on or near an Interstate, this site could provide a venue for such a venture and allow it to "partner" with community hospitals to the south of Belleville and become a part of the SIU Medical School as a teaching hospital (to provide more Doctors to serve the rural areas). Such a facility could continue to use the offices at the present St. Elizabeth's campus, since geographically it would be nearby. The planned move to O'Fallon seems to be based on the perceived notion that only that area will grow in the future (along the I64 corridor). One hopes and believes that a venture ("new metro Belleville" St. Elizabeth's Hospital) as this, would have the support of the City of Belleville, Memorial Hospital, and; also, St. Clair County officials since Belleville is a significant economic force to the County. While St. Elizabeth's Hospital requested CON does not necessarily address the issue of future growth in St. Louis metro-Southwestern Illinois area and providing "timely critical care" to those residents, it appears that discussion should be held by the Board as it addresses the CON.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth R. (Jill) Heller
Educator, BS, MS
One Kimberlin Lane
Belleville, IL 62220



Jack R. Heller
Businessperson, CPA, BS, MS

Ms. Courtney Avery – Administrator – Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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Ms. Avery,

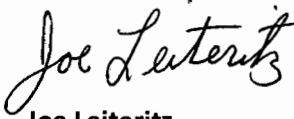
I am writing this letter in OPPOSITION of St. Elizabeth's Hospital wanting to build a new Hospital and abandon Belleville, IL.

First of all, there is no way that Memorial Hospital can handle all the Emergency Room visits that will occur if this happens. I worry that people's lives might be in danger with them lining up for emergent needs and not being able to receive timely care.

Secondly, why in the world would St. Elizabeth's want to build a Hospital in the exact same back yard that Memorial is building a Hospital also? It would seem that in the public's best interest, that a new Hospital would be located in the Columbia/Waterloo area to best serve Illinois residents.

I respectfully ask that you and the Board strongly consider denying this Certificate of Need because the real need is for jobs to remain in Belleville and that the safety of the public is your primary concern.

Respectfully,



Joe Leiteritz

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Charlotte Hyatt
9 Bass Lane
Belleville, IL. 62223

Re: Opposed to the movement of St. Elizabeth's to O'Fallon, IL.

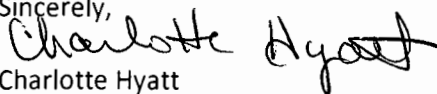
I have been a resident of Belleville for the past 29 years and before this a resident of Smithton for 18 years. I strongly oppose the movement of St. Elizabeth's hospital. My family and I have utilized the services of this hospital many times, and am concerned in an emergency situation how the additional travel time will affect the surrounding communities.

I have worked in the medical community for 33 years. I am very concerned about the impact of not having a hospital on the east end of Belleville. I feel this move would be detrimental to the downtown and surrounding communities. We need to maintain this hospital for the sake of the residents living at the east end of Belleville, the smaller towns and farming communities who all rely on St. Elizabeth's.

Memorial is a wonderful hospital but I worry about the financial burden to Memorial if we were only to have one hospital for all of Belleville and St. Clair County.

Thank you for listening to all of the concerned citizens opposed to the relocation of St. Elizabeth's.

Sincerely,


Charlotte Hyatt

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Amy Rau
301 Frey Lane
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

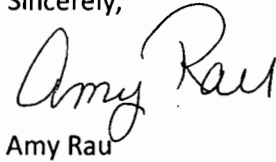
Re: Opposed to the movement of St. Elizabeth's to O'Fallon, IL

I oppose the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, IL but I support building a replacement hospital for St. Elizabeth in Belleville, IL. I have been a resident of Fairview Heights for over 35 years and my family and I have used St Elizabeth's Hospital during that time. I am concerned about the relocation of my family's current physicians and how the new location will affect the surrounding communities. My grandmother, who is in her mid 80's and lives less than a mile from St. E's, has been using St. Elizabeth's since they open the hospital in 1954.

Belleville and its surrounding locations will be affected, moving jobs out of the city, decline in property values, and further travel for care.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to listen to my opposition.

Sincerely,


Amy Rau

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Teri Herrmann
313 Harvest Street
Millstadt, IL 62260

Re: Opposed to the movement of St. Elizabeth's to O'Fallon, IL

I am opposed to the relocating of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for a few reasons;

First, it is a Catholic Hospital and I have a strong Catholic belief, and would prefer to have the option of receiving health care from a Catholic Facility.

Secondly, my family and I have utilized the services of this hospital many times, and I am concerned in an emergency situation how the additional travel time will affect the surrounding communities.

Lastly, after having a family business in Belleville for many years, I feel the move would be detrimental to the downtown area, smaller, nearby towns and farm communities who rely on St. Elizabeth's.

Thank you for considering the concerns of citizen's opposed to the relocation of St. Elizabeth's.

Sincerely,

Teri Herrmann



November 20 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to oppose the building of a new St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon and oppose them closing their downtown Belleville hospital.

My family and friends **have had** to use both hospital facilities in Belleville over several decades. It would be devastating to think that we would not be able to get to an emergency room in time, to save a life, and that is what will happen to those who live to the south and east of downtown Belleville, as I do.

***The O'Fallon site would be an **exact duplication of services** of Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh which is already under construction and will be ready for patients in spring of 2016. Rebuild in Belleville, work with the City of Belleville to remain in Belleville. Your Board was created to eliminate duplication of services in one geographic area.

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***This move would greatly **impact the underserved** patients who live in and around downtown Belleville and surrounding communities and who have limited resources to transportation.

I encourage the Review Board to make the right decision for the residents of the Belleville and surrounding communities by **turning down the CON** for St. Elizabeth's to leave Belleville and build new in O'Fallon.

Sincerely,



Carole S. Middendorf

✓ cc: Mike Constantino, Supervisor

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Project #14-043

Mr. Mike Constantino,
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Dear Sir,

I am an 86 year old, lifetime resident of Belleville. I am a charter member of Belleville - Paderborn Germany Sister Cities and a member of St. Clair County Genealogical Society which have provided me with a lot of history of the area including St. Elizabeth's Hospital. My great-grandfather died in 1907 at what was then St. Vincent's. My three children were born at St. Elizabeth's in 1956, 1960 and 1962. My husband died in the emergency room there February 18, 1987. I also had surgeries there in 1955 and 1988.

I am not as concerned about the hospital's plan to build a new hospital as I am about the present administration's actions and/or motives. My daughter, a registered nurse, worked at St. Elizabeth's Upcare Center fourteen years

with never a blemish on her record and excellent evaluations but was (let go?) 5 months ago because "she did not fit into their plans"? We have since learned that there were multiple similar terminations.

In the September 30, 2014 Belleville News Democrat there is an article which states "Hospital Officials plan to build a new hospital along Interstate 64 off Green Mount Road in O'Fallon across from where it now operates a popular Urgicare Center." The present administration has ruined that Urgicare Center! They did the same with another center they opened a few years ago in Waterloo and abandoned which now sits empty.

Before granting their Certificate of need there needs to be an investigation of the present administration. How can they deliver health care services in O'Fallon or anywhere else without a loyal, experienced staff when their complete indifference to their dedicated employees goes against everything the Sisters of St. Francis stood for?



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Public Hearing Testimony Registration Form

OPPOSITION

Facility Name: St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon

Project Number: 14-043

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Dorothy Knebelkamp

Address 9 Beth Ann Dr.

City Bellerive State IL Zip 62221

Signature Dorothy Knebelkamp

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

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Letter enclosed
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OPPOSITION

Facility Name: St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon

Project Number: 14-043

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

Beth Rund

Address

6 Tanewood Ct.

City

Belleville

State

IL

Zip

62223

Signature

Beth Rund RN

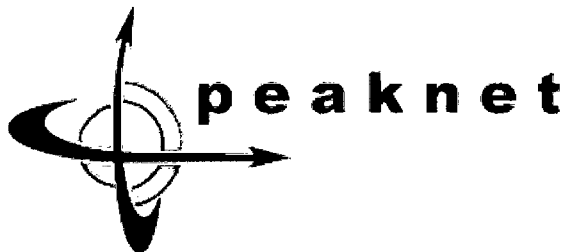
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Ms Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761
RE: Project Application #14-043 Letter of **Opposition**

HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I have been a resident of Belleville my entire life and a business owner for the past 24 years. I am writing this letter to oppose the closing of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in downtown Belleville and their move to a more affluent area of O'Fallon. I was raised Catholic and my family has always gone to St. Elizabeth's for care. My mother was most recently admitted there within the last year. She was admitted with sepsis and a low blood pressure. If the hospital was moved to their requested location, I'm not sure we would have made it there in time.

Belleville is the largest city south of Springfield, and our community needs 2 hospitals. I do not understand why the "good sisters" would take their hospital away from a community that has supported it since 1875. If Belleville Memorial Hospital was the only hospital to stay in the community, there is no way they could keep up with the volume of patients. I know that our community leaders have repeatedly tried to work with St. Elizabeth's Hospital to stay in Belleville and have offered them support and new locations. If St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Frances, truly were following their mission, they would stay in the community that needs them and has supported them for over 139 years.

Sincerely,


Grant Wuller

November 20 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

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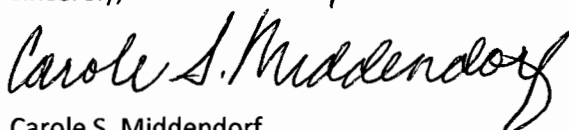
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Carole S. Middendorf

cc: Mike Constantino, Supervisor

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Mrs. Michelle Wuller
2837 Fairway Dr
Belleville, IL 62220

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter to oppose the closing of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in downtown Belleville and their move to a more affluent area of O'Fallon. I have been a Belleville resident for 27 years; however, I was born and raised in Springfield, IL. It is a city where they have two very successful hospitals that work together to serve that community. They are located only blocks from one another and neither felt the need to move to a more affluent location. St John's Hospital, a sister hospital to St. Elizabeth's has been able to stay in the same location and add on as it has grown over the past 140 years. They did not cry out that their building was too old, they maintained it, and added onto their current location as they grew.

If St. Elizabeth's Hospital Board of Directors and its leaders would have managed the building and the grounds appropriately, they would not be using this as an excuse at this time. I do not believe that a community should suffer because of poor management. Belleville Memorial could not take on the influx of patients that would occur if St. Elizabeth's closed. The Emergency Department at Belleville Memorial has already expanded and is almost at full capacity again. I cannot believe that the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Frances can truly in good conscience state the reason they are leaving is to "better serve the poor". The demographics of O'Fallon are much different than the demographics of downtown Belleville, East St. Louis, Alorton, Brooklyn, Cahokia, Dupo, Centerville, Caseyville, Hollywood Heights and Washington Park.

Belleville Memorial has already broken ground and is going to open in 2016, in the same area as St. Elizabeth's Hospital is proposing to move. However, Belleville Memorial has agreed to stay in the community that has supported them for over 56 years. They are expanding to that area, not leaving or cutting any services to expand.

I strongly urge you to deny St. Elizabeth's Hospital the CON permit and to encourage them to work with the city of Belleville leaders to find another location, if necessary, within the city limits. This will allow them to truly follow the mission they seem to have forgotten, "***committed to serving the sick, the aged, the poor and the terminally ill***".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Wuller". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Wuller".

Michelle Wuller

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Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services

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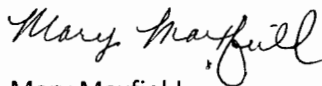
Dear Ms Avery,

I am writing in reference to the Project #14-043 and the impact it will have on our community if St. Elizabeth's Hospital relocates to O'Fallon, IL. I oppose this move and feel it will have a huge impact on the citizens of Belleville, and the surrounding areas. I reside near a small community in the St Clair county region and depend on larger community hospitals for resources. If St. Elizabeth's Hospital relocates to O'Fallon it will cause a tremendous increase in the EMS travel time for local and outlying area residents. It is imperative that the EMS travel time from these communities remain the same to prevent any loss of life. Another issue is how this would impact the underserved families with limited transportation and resources. Don't these citizens deserve to have access to care and resources!

I feel that St. Elizabeth's Hospital will be abandoning the city of Belleville and its citizens. Not only will property taxes be affected but the impact of moving jobs out of the area will be a huge loss. Belleville is a large city that needs more than one emergency department!

Please keep the citizens of Belleville and the surrounding area in the fore front of this decision and do what is best for them and their healthcare access.

Sincerely,



Mary Maxfield

November 21, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities & Services

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525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor

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Ms. Avery

I am writing in opposition to Project # 14-043

I find it hard to believe that this move and application is anything but bad for the city and residents of Belleville. Moving a hospital out of the largest city in southern Illinois to be close to an interstate is all about money and an opportunity to leave an underserved population. This hospital is moving next door to a new hospital that is currently being built and if that isn't a duplication of services I don't what could possible qualify. There is no economic model that suggests support for 2 new hospitals in this same area. In fact one new hospital is more than ample for the area served.

By leaving Belleville, all residents must use Memorial as the local hospital. This will create a huge strain on the existing hospital. It is my belief that St. Elizabeth should remain in Belleville and either build new or remodel their existing facility. It is sinful that they have not reinvested in their present hospital and kept it modern and current.

I do hope the review board does not approve St. Elizabeth's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Eckert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Eckert,

Chairman Eckert Companies

Mary Hanvey
303 Crestwood Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234
November 12, 2014

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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761
RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the Certificate of Need application submitted by St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL. I am concerned of the impact to healthcare in the Belleville area if St. Elizabeth's Hospital were to move to O'Fallon.

My first concern of mine is the closing of an ED in Belleville. This will impact the waiting time for patients that will be extremely longer and quality of patient care will suffer.

My second concern is for the medically underserved. If St. Elizabeth's Hospital moves seven plus miles away, these patients will have limited resources to access care. I know seven miles does not seem like a long way, however, many patients have limited modes of transportation and seven miles may present them with a huge barrier.

The third point would be if St. Elizabeth's moves to the O'Fallon site it would be a duplication of services with Memorial Hospital East being 2 miles from the site. This would have an impact on both hospitals.

I believe it would have an impact on the downtown area as well. Belleville has worked hard at revitalizing the downtown area and now we are going to take jobs and people out of the area. This does not make good business sense.

The proposed move places an undue hardship on Memorial Hospital, left caring for the abandoned people of the greater Belleville area. I urge you to oppose this move.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hanvey

Ms. Courtney Avery
November 11, 2014
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cc: Mr. Mike Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, Illinois 62761
RE: Project Application #14-043

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Ms. Courtney Avery
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Reference: Project #14-043

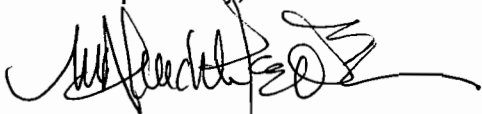
Members of Review Board,

I am **opposed** to the above project. I believe St. Elizabeth's Hospital projected move will severely impact healthcare availability for the citizens of Belleville's surrounding communities. Patients to the south will have to travel farther in order to obtain help in emergent situations. *Minutes matter* for many diagnoses and the loss of St. Elizabeth's presence in the community will greatly affect the outcome of many individuals.

Additionally, St. Elizabeth's move will most certainly produce a duplication of services since Memorial will have a full service healthcare facility close by the projected site. Why deprive one community of healthcare services only to duplicate care in another?

I urge you to deny the CON for this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marlene Luechtefeld', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marlene Luechtefeld BSN, RN

14 Lindenleaf Lane
Belleville, Illinois 62223

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

RE: OPPOSITION TO PROJECT #14-043 – St. Elizabeth's Hospital

I am writing to express my opposition to St. Elizabeth's Hospital Project #14-043. The location proposed by St. Elizabeth's is less than two miles from Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh – a project that the Review Board unanimously approved in 2011. Memorial East, under construction and scheduled to open in April 2016 will provide adequate services to residents in the O'Fallon/Shiloh area as well as to communities to the east and north. Approval of this application certainly would be contrary to the reasons this Board was established – *to prevent duplication of services within close geographic proximity of other healthcare facilities providing like services.*

Memorial in Belleville reinvests in its facilities each year so that improvements can be made to better serve patients. Memorial's main building was built in 1958 – just four years after St. Elizabeth's. It appears they did not properly maintain their buildings because St. Elizabeth's officials have stated in public meetings and in newspaper articles that their facilities are "outdated" and "obsolete." They have absolutely no one to blame for that but themselves.

I respectfully request that this application be denied.

Sincerely,



Anne Meyer Thomure
Lifelong resident of Fairview Heights/Belleville area

Cassidy Blundy

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RE: Opposition to Project Application #14-043

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Dear Ms. Avery and the Review Board:

I wish to express my opposition to the closing of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and their move to the more affluent area of O'Fallon. I feel the move will impact medically underserved patients with limited transportation and resources to access care. Patients in communities to the south will have to travel further for care, and in cases of emergencies "minutes matter in saving lives".

Memorial Hospital is set to open in April 2016, a new full service hospital in Shiloh just a few miles from the proposed St. Elizabeth's location. The St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon site is a duplication of services, located less than 2 miles from Memorial East. The planning board exists to prevent duplication of services within close geographic proximity of other healthcare facilities providing like services.

I would strongly urge you to deny the CON permit. St. Elizabeth's move from Belleville will strain capacity at Memorial not only because they are leaving our community but because they are cutting beds and services for area patients. Belleville needs more than one Emergency department, and moving 1200 jobs out of the city would leave a void in the core of downtown.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Blundy
Director of Rehab Services
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Catherine Mitchell

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Millstadt IL 62260

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd floor

Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project Application #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery and the Review Board:

I wish to express my opposition to the closing of St Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and their move to O'Fallon. I am speaking individually as a resident and as a physical therapist.

I am concerned about the road access in O'Fallon to the proposed site- this will increase the burden in the area and traffic delays will occur especially when ambulances have to traverse these 2 lane roads- care will be delayed. Also fire protection is volunteer-based and possible tragedies may occur if a fire broke out in the new proposed hospital and firemen are not available 24/7.

Belleville and the East St. Louis area are more heavily populated than O'Fallon and I feel that the area will now be underserved and more delays in the ER at Memorial.

I would strongly urge you to deny the CON permit. The City of Belleville needs both hospitals in order to fully serve the residents of this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Mitchell DPT

Catherine Mitchell DPT

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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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RE: Project #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the Certificate of Need application submitted by St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. As a resident of Mascoutah, I am overly concerned about the impending relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, Illinois.

I believe this move will adversely impact meeting the healthcare needs of residents of Belleville and those communities south of Belleville, including Smithton, Freeburg, Millstadt, Hecker and New Athens.

If St. Elizabeth's relocates to the O'Fallon area, Memorial Hospital in Belleville will have difficulty meeting the needs of ALL the residents of Belleville and those surrounding communities. Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department sees a volume of 900-1,200 patients weekly. Memorial being the only Emergency Department in the area will add additional stress.

Memorial Hospital is committed to serving the needs of the Belleville community while building an additional full functioning facility in Shiloh, Illinois. Memorial Hospital continues to invest, upgrade in state-of-the-art equipment and staff on the main campus. St. Elizabeth's has failed to invest and maintain the Belleville facility as they state that the boiler and windows in the facility are in need of replacement. To me that is being irresponsible. What will become of the facility that they are abandoning?

For these reasons I am opposed to St. Elizabeth's proposal to relocate their hospital to the O'Fallon location. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern.

Sincerely,


Kimberly L. Renth
Mascoutah, Illinois

11/20/2014

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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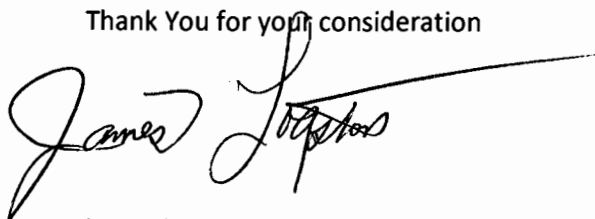
I am writing this letter to you to voice my **STRONG OPPOSITION** of St. Elizabeth's Hospital wanting to abandon the community of Belleville Illinois. St Elizabeth request to relocate from Belleville to O'Fallon Illinois should be denied.

Memorial Hospital is reallocating one hundred beds to their new Shiloh, Illinois facility. St. Elizabeth is abandoning over three hundred beds in Belleville. If St Elizabeth's request to move out of Belleville is granted it will create a huge void in health care services for the Belleville community.

ST. Elizabeth's move will have a huge economic impact on the city of Belleville.

Ms. Avery I respectfully ask you and the board to strongly consider denying St Elizabeth's Certificate of Need. The real need is for Belleville and the surrounding community to have easy unobstructed access to healthcare to St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Thank You for your consideration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Logston", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

James Logston

Jean M Joseph
42 Oak Pointe Circle
Belleville, IL 62223
618-397-0823

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November 22, 2014

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

Re: Project # 14-043

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in opposition of St. Elizabeth's Hospital request for a certificate of need to build a hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

By granting this certificate:

You will enable them to **desert** the citizens of Belleville and communities south of Belleville. This desertion will have a large impact on the economy of the area by moving 1,200 jobs out of downtown Belleville and will cause a loss of property values when they leave their present building unused.

The citizens will be left with only one Emergency Department and 200 beds—the move will put a strain on Memorial Hospital to handle the increased patient load. Two-thirds of all inpatients begin their care in the Emergency Room. Patients with limited transportation resources will have to travel further for care. Time is **LIFE**.

The O'Fallon location will be a duplication of services since Memorial East will be less than 2 miles from the site. It is your duty to prevent this from happening. Utilization at Memorial East would be negatively impacted. I am sure you want it to succeed as you would any facility you approve.

I believe the administration of St Elizabeth's has lost sight of their mission to provide service to **all** not just those who are better able to pay for services.

The future of healthcare in Belleville lies in your hands—DO THE RIGHT THING!

Sincerely,



Jean M Joseph

November 21, 2014

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Illinois Health Facilities Review Board
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Re: St. Elizabeth's Project #14-043

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in opposition of St. Elizabeth's Certificate of Need (Project #14-043), to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon, therefore abandoning Belleville.

As a resident of Collinsville, and someone who has attended a few public forums that St. Elizabeth's has given regarding the move, I am bothered by a couple of things.

Why has St. Elizabeth failed to keep up with renovations to their current facility? MaryAnn Reese, CEO of St. Elizabeth's, said at one of the forums that the sisters needed to "pray for the boiler." Shouldn't we really be praying for the patients who are currently being "served" in a building that hasn't had its boiler replaced in over 60 years? They have a budgeted amount of money to raise the building if they were granted approval. Why don't they use that money to update their current facility? How can we be sure they won't let their new facility deteriorate?

With the new Memorial Hospital East scheduled to open in April 2016, St. Elizabeth's new facility would cause a duplication of services in less than a five mile radius. Memorial Hospital has continued to reinvest in the Belleville community, showing its commitment to the community's needs. St. Elizabeth's proposed move goes against their mission of serving the poor the underserved. There is no reason to have two hospitals in that close of proximity – especially since Memorial Hospital East will be a full-service facility.

For these reasons, I am opposed to St. Elizabeth's proposed move to O'Fallon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Megan VanDyke
Collinsville, Illinois

4271 Williwow Oak Lane
Smithon, IL 62285

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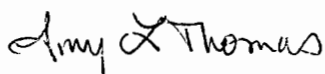
RE: Project Application #14-043

I would like to state my opposition to St. Elizabeth's proposed move of their hospital to O'Fallon, IL.

Moving St. Elizabeth's hospital out of Belleville will limit the access to healthcare for the residents of Smithton, IL, the community I live in, and other communities south of Belleville such as Freeburg, Millstadt and New Athens. St Elizabeth's is the closest hospital to our homes. Moving the hospital north to O'Fallon, IL moves it to a congested traffic area that will only add additional time to emergency situations. Belleville would be left with one emergency room at Memorial Hospital. More than one emergency room is needed for Belleville and the surrounding communities which have kept 2 emergency rooms in Belleville busy for years.

St. Elizabeth's proposed site in O'Fallon, IL is less than 2 miles away from the site of Memorial East hospital which is anticipated to open early in 2016. There will be a duplication of healthcare services for this area if St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon site is approved. St. Elizabeth's current location better serves the healthcare needs of Belleville and the surrounding communities. A replacement hospital in Belleville is the plan St. Elizabeth's should consider.

I am opposed to St. Elizabeth's move to O'Fallon, IL. Thank you for your attention in this matter.



Amy Thomas

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

RE: Project Application #14-043

I would like to state my opposition to St. Elizabeth hospital's proposed move to O'Fallon, IL. Moving St. Elizabeth's out of Belleville limits the access to healthcare for the residents of Smithton, IL and several other communities south of Belleville such as Freeburg, Millstadt, New Athens, etc. St Elizabeth's is the closest hospital to my home. Moving the hospital north to O'Fallon - just 7 miles away they state - moves it to a congested traffic area that will only add additional time to potential critical emergency situations. The Belleville community has had two emergency rooms for over 50 years with St. Elizabeth's and Memorial hospitals located in Belleville. Moving St. Elizabeth's to O'Fallon would leave only one emergency room to care for Belleville residents and the residents of the communities south of Belleville.

I am opposed to St. Elizabeth's move to O'Fallon, IL. Thank you for your attention in this matter.



John Thomas
4271 Willow Oak Lane
Smithton, IL 62285

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OPPOSE THE MOVE

Save St. E's Belleville

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens in and around Belleville, Illinois do hereby petition the Board of Directors of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, Illinois to oppose the relocation of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, Illinois. We support the notion of a modern St. Elizabeth's Hospital, we cannot support it being built outside of Belleville.

Action petitioned for	Printed Name	Signature	Street Address	City	Zip
	Kara Abernathy	Kara Abernathy	3830 State Rt 15	Freeburg	62243
	Beth Conrad	Beth Conrad	4721 Timber View Dr.	Waterloo	62298
	Peggy Leise	Peggy Leise	918 Meskenaden Ln	Marionville	62062
	Mary J. Drumm	Mary J. Drumm	116 Kingsbury Ct	Collinsville	62234
	Patricia Biasbas	Patricia Biasbas	4700 Memorial Dr.	Belleville	62226
	Joyce A. McDaniel	Joyce A. McDaniel	8020 Brookfield Dr	Caseyville	62232
	Kelley Halliburton	Kelley Halliburton	1014 Thoroughbred Ct	Swansboro	62226
	Kayla Stadelman	Kayla Stadelman	720 Decatur	Swansboro	62224
	Lauren Beach	Lauren Beach	1105 Norman D Acres	Troy	62294
	Oscar Garin Jr	Oscar Garin Jr	1105 Forest Hill	Belleville	62221
	Cheryl Michael	Cheryl Michael	4700 Memorial Dr.	Belleville	62226
	Amy E. Young	Amy E. Young	3307 Sheridan Ave	Belleville	62226
	Danielle Nordmann	Danielle Nordmann	9129 Lynwood Ln.	Fairview Heights	62228
	Heather M. Ebert	Heather M. Ebert	6707 Clayton Ave.	St. Louis MO	63139
	Babs Tancil	Babs Tancil	2828 Fairway Dr.	Belleville	62220
	Annette Cilleke	Annette Cilleke	419 S Euclid	Belleville	62227

OPPOSE THE MOVE

Save St. E's Belleville

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens in and around Belleville, Illinois do hereby voice our opposition to the proposed project to relocate St. Elizabeth's Hospital to O'Fallon, Illinois; while we support the notion of a modern St. Elizabeth's Hospital, we cannot support it being built outside of Belleville.

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