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Mr. Courtney Overmyer
Administrator

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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson St. 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's
Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Mr. Overmyer;

I was pleased to learn of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a region-leading, replacement hospital in O'Fallon. I am writing to support this project.

I have lived in the Metis East since January 1989 (nearly 26 years). I retired from teaching at Belleville East Township High School in May 2007. For the past 4 years I have volunteered as a Client Facilitator for the free AARP tax preparation. I have not had a leadership position but have supported many activities sponsored by our church.

In May 1999 while visiting here from Wyoming, my Mother broke her hip. St. E's Regi Care quickly diagnosed, then sent her by ambulance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The ER care, surgery, hospital care & physical therapy she at & through St. Elizabeth's was exemplary.

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In January 2008 the emergency room doctor accurately diagnosed that I have rheumatoid arthritis. That visit to St. Elizabeth's ER was quick & efficient.

The replacement hospital would be closer to my home than the current location. The site of the replacement hospital would be easier & faster for most people to reach as it is very near I64 & an exit. Access would be much easier & quicker for people in communities, east north & south of O'Fallon.

A new facility would include updated equipment, technology & surely a more efficient floor plan!!

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

Sincerely

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

RE: Project No. 14-043, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital moving to O'Fallon, Illinois. This move will be good for the entire Metro East Region in a number of ways.

The new strategic location will have quick highway access providing the entire region greater access to care. A new state of the art facility will allow St. Elizabeth's Hospital to provide an increase in excellent care to patients in the region as they have successfully done in Highland, Illinois. And finally this investment will provide a desperately needed economic boost to the area.

Thank you for your full consideration of this issue. Please feel free to contact my district office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle McCarter".

Kyle McCarter
State Senator
54th District

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Mike Constantino

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St. (Second Floor), Springfield, Illinois 62761.

Re. St. Elizabeth's Hospitals CON Application

Dear Mr. Constantino,

I'm a resident in Columbia IL which is approx. 13 miles from St. Elizabeth's current hospital in downtown Belleville. I currently go to Mercy Hospital in St. Louis County for my care because the hospital is a much more modern facility than St. E's is. My perception is that Mercy's equipment is newer and better and the doctors are probably better. I know if I was a doctor, I would much rather work at a modern hospital rather than an older, outdated facility such as St. E's downtown Belleville location so I think St. E's will attract better doctors if they are allowed to construct their new facility in O'Fallon IL. I will be a patient in their new hospital if it gets built in O'Fallon, I won't be a patient of theirs if they stay in Belleville.

The Metro East area doesn't have a modern facility such as their proposed hospital, it is much needed so people like I will stop going to St. Louis for care. Memorial's "satellite" hospital isn't full service, I won't go to it. I won't go to Memorial hospital in Belleville because it's not on the Interstate and is very difficult to get to.

There have been a lot of opinions in this case; I hope the Health Review Board will do what's best for the entire Metro East Community by granting approval of St. E's Application. I'm 100% in support of it.

Sincerely,



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Re: My support of project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's
Hospital in O'Fallon, IL.

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's
Hospital moving to O'Fallon.
We are in desperate need of an state of the
art facility in O'Fallon.

We are retired military and St. E's
serves the military members of Scott
ARB. That community is constantly
expanding.

I have been an O'Fallon resident for 14
years and have personally experienced
the lack of accessible medical care
since living here. Belleville is too far
away in case of emergencies.

I also own a small downtown business
in O'Fallon and would appreciate any
new business hospital employees
may provide as my business has
been struggling.

O'Fallon is a wonderful, growing community and the addition of St. E's to the area would insure success of our small town for years to come.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this letter of support. Please help us by approving the St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon Hospital.

Sincerely,

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