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

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Dear Ms. Avery:

**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 in O'Fallon is less than two miles from Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh which is already under construction and scheduled to open in April 2016. This new hospital will provide adequate services to residents in the O'Fallon/Shiloh area as well as to communities to the east and north.

I have served as a pastor in the Belleville and Lenzburg for over 40 years and have had the opportunity to visit many, many patients at both Memorial and St. Elizabeth's hospitals. It is evident that Memorial takes great pride in its facility by improving and updating their buildings to better serve patients.

On the other hand, St. Elizabeth's officials have not taken care of their building. It is very sad to see how they have just let their building go and not reinvested in it. I think their leadership has been irresponsible in not maintaining its facility.

I respectfully request that this application be denied.

Sincerely,



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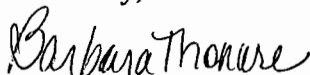
**RE: OPPOSITION TO PROJECT #14-043 – St. Elizabeth's Hospital**

St. Elizabeth's should not be allowed to leave the Belleville community because:

- Their proposed O'Fallon site would duplicate the services already planned at Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh. Construction is well underway and this hospital will open in April 2016. It is my understanding that your Board was created to eliminate duplication of services in one geographic area.
- The O'Fallon site is not easily accessible especially for the underserved – many of whom do not have transportation. In addition, this is a heavily traveled area with shopping, hotels, and restaurants; there is no easy or quick way to get around or through that area.
- 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 respectfully request that this application be denied.

Sincerely,



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