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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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Re: Opposition to Project #20-30 – Effingham Medical Office Building

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the Executive Director of the Effingham Park District. I care deeply about the continued access to health care services in my rural community. If approved in its current form, this CON application would result in a significant reduction of services and threaten the continued viability of a Sole Community Hospital.

Unless modified to avoid duplication of services and right size the replacement medical office building, I must oppose this project. This would almost certainly bring about the demise of St. Anthony's Hospital.

I respectfully ask that the Review Board deny this CON application in its current form. Please do not allow this unnecessary duplication of services. The greater Effingham area derives many critical benefits from our hospital. Much is at stake for our local future with your decision.

Very truly yours,



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