



Effingham Catholic Charities



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

Dear Ms Avery:

As the MedAssist Coordinator at Catholic Charities in Effingham, I work closely with St. Anthony's Hospital. St. Anthony's Hospital has helped us with our Diabetic Program and also with our immediate medications for our clients who are not able to buy their prescriptions. I respectfully urge the Review Board to deny this CON application as originally submitted, and only approve a revised CON application for an appropriately-sized building that does not duplicate existing hospital services.

The duplication of service and redirection of patients will cause job loss and service cuts at St. Anthony's. This will greatly affect the many ways that the hospital supports our services at Effingham Catholic Charities and the greater Effingham community. The COVID-19 has already financially strained all hospitals and St. Anthony's. We who work in the Effingham Community greatly appreciate all the help St. Anthony's Hospital gives our community because without the hospital we would not be able to offer all of our help.

Sincerely,

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