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

RE: Opposition to CON Project 20-030-Effingham Medical Office Building

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a member of the Board of Directors of HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, Effingham IL, and 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 main reason for my opposition is that all patient volume and revenue for this project is redirected from St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, a sole community hospital in an area of static or declining population. In addition, I oppose this because the redundancy of service and redirection of patients will cause job losses and service cuts at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, and significantly reduce the many ways that the hospital supports the greater Effingham community. Furthermore, the timing of this project is bad as the COVID-19 pandemic has financially strained all hospitals.

I appreciate your consideration of my opposition.

Sincerely,

Sister Marguerite Cook

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HSHS St. Anthony's Hospital, Board Member

CC: Mike Constantino