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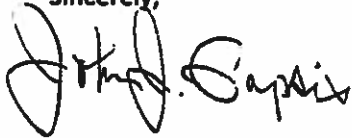
Re: Opposition to CON Project 20-030 – Effingham Medical Office Building

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a retired Physician of Effingham, 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 services at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital.

The redundancy of service and redirection of patients will cause job losses and service cuts at St. Anthony's, and significantly reduce the many ways that the hospital supports the greater Effingham community. COVID-19 has already impacted St. Anthony's financially and caused layoffs. This project would cause hardship for their colleagues, organization, and ultimately the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Gapsis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Gapsis" clearly distinguishable.

John J. Gapsis, M.D.