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Attention: Courtney Avery

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Illinois Health Facilities & Review Board

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

I am an Orthopedic Surgeon for HSHS Medical Group Multispecialty Group in Effingham, IL, and I respectfully urge the Review Board to deny this CON application as originally submitted. I would urge the Board to only approve the revised CON application for an appropriately-sized building that does not duplicate existing hospital services in the Effingham Community.

I feel that the redundancy of the service and redirection of the patients will cause job losses and service cuts at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. This will significantly reduce the many ways that the hospital currently supports the greater Effingham Community.

Respectfully,

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