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

Ms. Avery:

I am a practicing physician and member of the Board at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital.

St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, Illinois has been serving the local community and beyond for the last 144 years. They provide a full range of services including; obstetrics, pediatrics, surgery and a 24 hour emergency room. The hospital also provides services to benefit the community such as, vision/hearing screenings, crisis nursery, food pantry, dental vouchers and more. With the recent pandemic of 2020, businesses across the nation are experiencing unprecedented challenges and hospitals are no exception. Having a local hospital is vital to this small rural community and I am concerned about the long term viability of this institution with the changes in healthcare today. We have cared for generations of families over the years and look forward to continuing to provide this community with the excellent care they expect and deserve.

Respectfully,

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