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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board members,

I am writing in support of the newly proposed Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030).

Effingham is a community comprised of entrepreneurs. Years ago, we worked on a plan to grow our community, and today it is thriving. We are fortunate to be situated at what we call the Crossroads of America, a place where I-70, I-57, and State Highways 45, 40, 33 and 32 come together.

While we tout about 12,000 residents, we attract visitors from across the country. Many stop for dinner, fuel and a place to rest their weary heads for the night, while others make it their destination. The Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic is one of those destinations. People travel great distances to receive orthopedic care right here in our city. We value all of our guests!

The current building was built more than 50 years ago as a skating rink. It was remodeled into a shopping center before Dr. Bonutti purchased it. The location has served him well for several years since it is just off of I-70 & I-57, yet the building has seen better days. I fully support this project because it makes sense for patients and it makes economic sense for the community. The proposed building is a contemporary two-story, beautifully designed clinic that considers the special needs of people who seek orthopedic care. All of their medical needs are addressed in one building. This is especially helpful for our out-of-town guests.

As a real estate industrial developer based in Effingham, IL, having developed projects throughout 20 states, I would be remiss to not mention the positive impact on 100 well-paid contractors over the 18-month construction time frame. While many local contractors will be hired, others will travel here for work, purchasing fuel and meals throughout the duration of the project. For every construction job created, 1.6 (160 new jobs) non-construction job will be created. Building this clinic is an opportunity that we cannot pass up.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I look forward to receiving news that you have granted this Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,



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Industrial Developers