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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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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).

I am an internal medicine physician who cares for people with complex medical issues. I also practice occupation medicine at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic. The clinic's occupational medicine program is strong and growing, but the physical space it occupies is less than desirable.

Adequate space to provide this specialized service is limited in the current building. The exam rooms are small, and the space used for drug screens is insufficient. The reception area is also troublesome, as there is not enough room to accommodate the successful program. I rely on the orthopedic experts in our clinic to help me with difficult injuries, so it is important and I see particular patients in that location.

In addition to seeing occupational medicine patients at the SBL Bonutti Clinic, I see internal medicine patients at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Effingham Clinic located several blocks away. Both of my offices would be located in the new building, so the rebuild would help me to be more efficient with my time and better serve my patients.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I hope you agree with me.

Sincerely.

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