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

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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 orthopedic surgeon caring for people with complex medical issues at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic. I specialize in issues of the hand and upper extremities. When I arrived in Effingham more than 20 years ago, I quickly realized that the community was full of entrepreneurs and people with big visions for the future. I knew I was in the right place.

Three years ago, my partners and I realized that the best way we could continue to accomplish our big goals would be to turn our practice over to a like-minded organization that would allow the medical team to do what it does best: to care for the orthopedic needs of the community. We partnered with Sarah Bush Lincoln because we trusted the organization. We knew its reputation of integrity and honesty. Today, it is proposing a beautifully designed, completely functional building. Our patients will feel comfortable and comforted by the space and design.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I look forward to stepping foot into a fully functional, modern medical center that is ready to meet the needs of the community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Frank Lee, MD Orthopedic Surgeon