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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board members,

As an Effingham business owner and resident, I am writing in support of the newly proposed Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030).

I was very surprised to learn that HSHS St. Anthony Hospital had filed an objection to this \$35 million project. St. Anthony and HSHS have been "right sizing" their organization for some time. In a community of 12,000 people, the loss of 100+ jobs hurts. Unfortunately, this has caused hardship for several of our employees who have family that have worked for or are currently working for HSHS St. Anthony Hospital. This also hurts the local auto dealers, the furniture stores, the restaurants and retail establishments. Without a doubt, we need Sarah Bush Lincoln, their facilities, and their investment into our community.

This replacement building represents positive growth for this entrepreneurial community. Besides the 100 construction jobs this project will bring Effingham during the 18-month build process, the project will create 160 "trickle down" jobs in the community. A building of this caliber along I-70 will most definitely be a welcome addition to the landscape and create a "wow" impression to those taking exit 160 into Effingham. This is a time for all Effingham businesses to focus on the community-at-large and move forward with a growth mindset.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030.

Sincerely,

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