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Re: Opposition to CON Project 20-030 – Effingham Medical Office Building

As a colleague of HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, I respectfully urge the Review Board to deny this CON application as originally submitted, and only approve a revised CON application for an appropriately-sized building that does not duplicate existing hospital services.

The redundancy of service and redirection of patients will cause job losses and service cuts at St. Anthony's, and significantly reduce the many ways that the hospital supports the greater Effingham community. COVID-19 has already impacted St. Anthony's financially and caused layoffs. This project would cause hardship for our colleagues, organization, and ultimately the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Mabelle Tajores  
HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Colleague