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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).

Our Occupational Medicine practice is large and highly regarded throughout the community. We are responsive to the companies that partner with us, and we deliver excellent care so their employees can return safely to work.

The missing piece to our practice is space. Our reception area is crowded and the exam rooms are cramped. When people come in seeking care, they are often stressed about their injuries and exams. They are stressed about being out of work and about what their futures hold. Space helps people feel more comfortable and helps to relieve some of their stress, which helps them respond better to treatment. Putting patients first is what we do at Sarah Bush Lincoln.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I look forward to your support in reducing patient stress to increase their healing.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hess, FNP-BC

Occupational Medicine Practitioner