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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter today in support of the application placed by Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System for project #20-030, Effingham medical office building.

McCarthy Building Companies maintains approximately 200 employees throughout Illinois and Missouri from our offices in Collinsville, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. We have provided construction management services for Sarah Bush Lincoln since 2014, partnering with this institution to improve the health and well-being of residents in East Central Coles County and the surrounding Illinois communities through significant capital investments and related employment opportunities.

We ask this board to consider that this facility will do more than improve the quality and convenience of healthcare in Effingham County by replacing the current facility with the new and enhanced facility. With a capital invest of nearly \$37 million, this facility will provide much needed construction jobs, economic stability and long-term employment for hundreds of individuals in the area, in a time when so many are in need. McCarthy and Sarah Bush Lincoln are ready to commence this effort upon receipt of your approval.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and hope that you will agree this facility need will be beneficial for the stakeholders in Effingham County and the people of Illinois.

Sincerely McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.

Andy Poirot, Project Director

