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To: Ms. Courtney Avery, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Re: Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030

From: Tom Westrick
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As a citizen of Effingham Il. and a retired health system Post Acute Care Administrator (from another city and not affiliated with either Sara Bush Lincoln or HSHS), I strongly urge approval of the proposed Sara Bush Bonutti Clinic in Effingham.

First, both my wife and I have been well served as patients at the Effingham Sara Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic. Excellent care but in an outdated and overcrowded facility! The proposed expansion and facility upgrade is necessary and will most certainly benefit the Effingham community. The aging population will have a much greater need for orthopedic care and the new Bonutti Clinic will help meet that need. Just amazing to have this outstanding orthopedic clinic in Effingham county.

Second, I find the HSHS St. Anthony objection to this upgraded facility totally self-serving and disingenuous. It may be in their best interest to stifle expanded, high quality competition, but certainly not in the best interest of the citizens of Effingham county. It's so obvious to me why HSHS St. Anthony is objecting.

Thank you for listening.