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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
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Dear Illinois Health Services and Planning Review Board members:

I am writing in support of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic project (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030).

Consolidated Communications began 126 years ago as a local telephone company. We have grown, as the community has grown, into a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses, and wireless and wireline carriers across rural and metro communities. Part of our core values is to "Build a Stronger Community." We are deeply engaged in the communities we serve.

Sarah Bush Lincoln is no different. It has grown from a single hospital into a successful, thriving health system. Three years ago, the Bonutti Clinic physicians decided to partner with Sarah Bush Lincoln, a strong hospital system where they could imagine their futures. Today, Sarah Bush Lincoln wants to build a beautiful and welcoming facility in Effingham, where tens of thousands of people will receive the excellent care for which SBL is known.

I support the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic replacement project (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030) and ask you to approve this Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Michael Smith  
Chief Revenue Officer  
Consolidated Communications, Inc.