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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).

I am often one of the first practitioners patients see at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic. They come to us seeking relief from pain and mobility issues. There is no greater pleasure than helping patients achieve a higher quality of life.

The current SBL Bonutti Clinic is antiquated and needs to be replaced. As a nurse practitioner in a busy orthopedic practice, I often see patients struggling with mobility issues. The small exam rooms and uneven flooring are difficult for patients who use wheelchairs and walkers to manage.

Furthermore, many of our patients rely on public transportation, friends and family to get to appointments. Maneuvering in and out of vehicles is very difficult for people who have orthopedic injuries and/or chronic pain, who are recovering from certain surgeries and who have reduced mobility because they are elderly. Consolidating services by moving imaging equipment into the proposed clinic would reduce a lot of our patients' physical and emotional stress.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I trust you will vote in favor of patient comfort and convenience to approve this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacia Fallert FNP-C".

Stacia Fallert, APRN
Orthopedic Practitioner

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