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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 full support of the newly proposed Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030).

As a local pediatrician who has been caring for infants and children at Family Care Associates for nearly 10 years, I believe our medical community is stronger with Sarah Bush Lincoln in it.

Many years ago, Family Care Associates began partnering with Sarah Bush Lincoln to provide full laboratory services, ultrasound, X-ray and EKG services, so our patients could receive care quickly and conveniently. Our patients respond well to SBL staff, since they are always very professional and caring.

When there wasn't a single ear-nose-throat (ENT) doctor in the entire region, Sarah Bush Lincoln management came through for us; they provided three ENT doctors for our patients. Three! While ENTs are considered "specialty" providers, they really are *essential* medical providers for many pediatric patients. Those ENTs have helped thousands of our young patients and, best of all, they never turn patients away because they can't pay for care. The SBL staff at-large has been a perfect partner and incredible resource through COVID-19.

As a physician, I am pleased to lend my support to this proposed project, as I know it will further enhance care in Effingham.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030.

Sincerely,



Amanda Bierman, MD
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