

August 25, 2020

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, IL 62761

**RE: Project #20-030, Effingham Medical Office Building, Physician Referral Letter for CT**

Dear Ms. Avery:

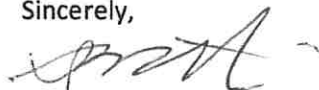
I am an ENT physician practicing in Effingham who is a member of the medical staff at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center (SBLHC) in Mattoon.

Sarah Bush Lincoln opened its first location in Effingham more than 20 years ago. Since that time, Sarah Bush Lincoln has continued to grow and currently owns and operates multiple locations in Effingham and provides patient care services in that community, including primary care, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pediatrics, interventional pain, general surgeons, urology, walk-in clinic services, occupational medicine, physical and occupational therapy, MRI, ultrasound, X-ray, laboratory services, audiology, home health, hospice, and durable medical services.

Sarah Bush Lincoln plans to demolish a dilapidated medical office building, construct a new medical office building and add CT services to the existing imaging services that currently are offered by SBL in the Effingham community. My practice is projected to continue to grow and I anticipate referring 40 patients for a CT exam at the SBL Bonutti Clinic each year once the proposed project is completed and fully operational. Patient origin for historical and future volumes can be found in the Attachment 30 Addendum that was submitted to the Health Facilities Services and Review Board.

I strongly support the SBL Bonutti Clinic, Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030 project.

Sincerely,



Michael Smith, MD, Ph.D.

