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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).

As a physician caring for people in Effingham, and as a member of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Board of Directors, I have participated in decisions that have changed the course of local healthcare in an effort to create greater access to critical services.

Strategic decisions are never made lightly at Sarah Bush Lincoln. They are made using data, along with input from the community. We have healthy discussions before deciding on the right path to take. We do this while staying focused on our mission: to provide excellent care for all and create healthy communities. This means that no one is ever turned away for an inability to pay for care, which is especially important for me as a medical specialist.

Sarah Bush Lincoln is a strong organization, financially and clinically, and it has had wide support throughout Effingham for the more than 20 years it has provided services to its residents and surrounding neighbors. SBL has earned the designation of Top Rural Hospital by The Leapfrog Group and has maintained an A+ rating from S & P Global Ratings for many years. Sarah Bush Lincoln is a trusted source of care in our community, and I am proud of what we have achieved together.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. Community members have embraced this project and I hope you'll see the value of this building and grant the Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Cudone MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Cudone, MD  
Member, Sarah Bush Lincoln Board of Directors