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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).

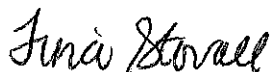
As the chairperson of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Board of Directors, I am a steward of the organization. Over the years, I've come to appreciate the complexity of healthcare. I have witnessed my fellow board members wrestle with tough decisions at every turn: *Should we enter into a service line? Should we build a new facility? Should we partner with another organization?*

Sarah Bush Lincoln has a long history of making thoughtful decisions because its staff members mine data, develop long-term projections and make fact-based decisions that serve the community-at-large well. SBL does this as a means to achieve its 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.

At 43 years old, Sarah Bush Lincoln is a financially strong organization with an A+ rating from S & P Global Ratings and is ranked in the top 6 percent of hospitals in the nation. It has earned the designation of Top Rural Hospital by The Leapfrog Group. Sarah Bush Lincoln is a trusted source of care in the region destined for an even greater impact.

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

Sincerely,



Tina Stovall, Ed.D.
Chairperson, Sarah Bush Lincoln Board of Directors