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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 manager of one of the busiest retail establishments in Effingham, I truly understand the value of every new job created in our community. The Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic project ensures the clinic's 100+ employees well-paying jobs into the future. During the 18-month-long construction phase, 100 craftsmen jobs will be created and an estimated additional 160 downstream jobs will be created throughout community. This is an exciting time in Effingham!

I support this project, not just for the jobs it will create, or the improved landscape, but because many of the clinic's patients are older and they have mobility issues. Despite all efforts, the current clinic presents obstacles for this population. Effingham has a reputation for excellence, and this new building represents excellence.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I trust you'll see the value of this building and will vote in favor of the people of Effingham by granting the Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

Bob Lakin

Store Manager, Walmart Supercenter