



August 31, 2020

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).

I was involved in the establishment of four medical practices at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Effingham Clinic. Currently, the clinic houses a reference lab, home health and hospice workspace, and five medical practices including, ENT, internal medicine, pediatrics, family practice and a walk-in clinic.

The building was designed for two medical practices, ENT and a specialty practice. We have reworked the space in the building and juggled schedules to accommodate the busy practices, but the space is insufficient. The reception area is small, there are not enough exam rooms and the parking lot is not large enough to accommodate patients and employees. We are making it work until we can build new space – the proposed Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic.

The new medical office building will house pediatrics, internal medicine and the walk-in clinic on the first floor. The plan is to place one X-ray unit on the first floor for the walk-in clinic's use and two on the second floor to share among the two primary care offices, pain management, and the orthopedic practice. Our business model is not going to change regardless of the outcome of the CON. We will continue to care for the people of this community in the same fashion they have become accustomed.

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support of Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030. I look forward to an approved Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke Zerrusen".

Brooke Zerrusen
Administrative Director, Practice Management, Sarah Bush Lincoln