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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 an Effingham native, I am excited to have a fresh new entrance to our community. The architectural renditions are beautiful. The Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic is in dire need of replacement to mimic the excellent medical care provided inside the building.

As a Sarah Bush Lincoln clinic director, I can tell you what it means to the patients and staff when they are in a building that meets their needs. It's wonderful for employee morale, but more importantly, it sets the tone patients.

In the proposed building, patients don't have to worry about fitting a wheelchair in an exam room – they are ample sized. They don't have to be concerned with having enough space and privacy for physical therapy – that's part of the design. They don't have to rely on others to transport them to multiple buildings to receive pre-surgical testing – all their needs can be addressed in one location.

Sarah Bush Lincoln is committed to providing excellent care for everyone. It has a wide reputation for doing just this.

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

Sincerely,

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Clinic Director, Sarah Bush Lincoln