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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 am Stacia Goings and I am the director of Diagnostic Imaging at Sarah Bush Lincoln. I have been fortunate to work for an organization for 20 years that believes in providing cutting edge technology to improve patient care.

Diagnostic imaging equipment is expensive so when we commit to purchase a new piece, it is my job to research and quantify its necessity. HSHS questioned the need for three X-ray units and a CT scanner. The SBL Bonutti Clinic currently has two X-ray units and will continue to need these to meet the demands of its busy practice on the second floor of the new building that it will share with interventional pain management and primary care service. The third X-ray machine is designated for the Walk-In Clinic on the first floor. This Walk-In Clinic is being relocated from its current location on N. Maple Street in Effingham, where we provide X-ray services.

Our orthopedists use the MAKO robotic arm in joint replacement operations, which requires a CT scan. The information from the scan is loaded into the MAKO, which then sets the cutting parameters so replacement joints have a customized and more comfortable fit. People seeking a joint replacement are often older and/or have limited mobility due to deteriorating and painful joints. For the comfort and convenience of our patients, we want to offer the CT scan during their pre-surgical office visit. According to information from HSHS St. Anthony, it has two CT scanners and performed 13,583 CT scans in calendar year '18 and is operating at a 97 percent utilization rate. The State standard is 7,000 exams a year. Historically, SBL Effingham physicians ordered 314 CT scans at HSHS St. Anthony. The redirection of these referrals to the proposed CT service in the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic would have a minimal impact on HSHS St. Anthony.

We also have plans to place a permanent MRI unit inside the building. Currently, patients are escorted outside the building to a docked mobile unit during all four seasons of Illinois weather. Clearly building space for a permanent unit is a patient comfort. Sarah Bush Lincoln also provides ultrasound in Effingham, so this is not a new service to the community.

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Diagnostic Imaging department is excellent and has highly skilled technologists. It ended the past fiscal year hitting the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile for patient experience and is currently at the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile according to independent surveys completed by Press Ganey.

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, appearing to read "Stacia Goings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "G" at the end.

Stacia Goings

Director, Diagnostic Imaging, Sarah Bush Lincoln