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Chairwoman Debra Savage

IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Support for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital CON
Meeting Community Needs with a New MOB and ASTC

Dear Ms. Savage:

On behalf of the City of O'Fallon, I urge your Board to support the CON application filed by St. Elizabeth's Hospital ("SEO") to address its surgical overutilization and unmet tenant needs, and to expand its current healthcare capabilities, to better serve our community.

SEO's application would authorize the construction of a new medical office building, as well as a new ambulatory surgical treatment center to be included therein, to address over-utilization issues now confronting the hospital. According to official state reports, data shows that, in 2023, operating room utilization at SEO was 120.85% -- with target utilization being 80%. Similarly, the existing medical office building on SEO's campus today operates at full capacity.

To address the growing healthcare needs of our region, SEO is proposing two new facilities on its existing O'Fallon campus:

- a new ASTC that will span 20,000 square feet and contain four operating rooms and two procedure rooms; and
- a new medical office building that will span 70,000 square feet over three floors.

In total, these developments will bring \$54 million in economic development to the region.

These capital investments are vital to addressing the healthcare needs of our community, and I urge their approval by the Board.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Denton", written over a horizontal line.

Walter Denton, City Administrator
City of O'Fallon

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator