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*Via Personal Delivery*

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman  
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital (O'Fallon) CON Application for New Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center and Medical Office Building

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

On behalf of the 10,000 members of the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, I offer my support for the proposed Certificate of Need ("CON") application filed by HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital to expand its existing campus by constructing a new medical office building ("MOB") to include a new ambulatory surgical treatment center ("ASTC").

To put it simply, this project will produce needed jobs and expanded healthcare options for my members and the greater Metro East region.

HSHS St. Elizabeth's hospital has a proven track record of investing in its community and the proposed \$54 million capital investment within this proposed CON application continues that track record. The expansion will include a three-floor, 70,000 square foot MOB, with the ASTC comprising 20,000 square feet and including four operating rooms and two procedure rooms.

We believe the proposed CON application by HSHS St. Elizabeth's will generate a significant number of local trade union jobs and once completed, the MOB will provide increased local access to healthcare for the larger Metro East region.

The Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council supports HSHS St. Elizabeth's CON application and respectfully encourages your approval.

Best regards,

Scot Luchtefeld, President  
Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator

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