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IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Support for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital CON Application to Build
New Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center and Medical Office Building

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

On behalf of the building trades of Southwestern Illinois, I respectfully encourage your approval of the HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) application to construct a new ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) and medical office building (MOB) on its O'Fallon campus.

Among other things, our building trades council promotes projects that create union jobs in the Metro East region of Illinois. We are assured that the proposed new MOB and ASTC at HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital, representing a total \$54 million capital investment in southwestern Illinois, will rely on local union construction and trade workers. Local union members will benefit not only from the creation of a significant number of jobs during construction, but will enjoy long-lasting benefits from the increased access to healthcare services that the completed facility will provide to the O'Fallon area for years to come.

I support the CON application of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital because it will create needed jobs and provide greater access to healthcare to the Metro East region, and respectfully encourage its approval.

Best regards,

Eric Oller

Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Southwestern Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator