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Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Springfield, IL 62761 RECEIVED

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Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I write to express my strong support, as Mayor of O'Fallon, for the CON application of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to build a new Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center ("ASTC") and Medical Office Building ("MOB") on its O'Fallon campus.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital has served our southwestern Illinois region for almost 150 years, and this CON application represents a continuation of its dedication to our community. The proposed MOB-ASTC project will bring \$54 million in economic development to the region and will address capacity issues presently experienced at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Of particular relevance to the Board, approval of this project will lead to greater healthcare access in this region of the state, and to more cost-effective care for residents of the greater O'Fallon area.

The southwestern region of Illinois needs these healthcare capital investments and their associated healthcare services, and I respectfully request that this CON application be approved.

Respectfully,

Herb Roach, Mayor City of O'Fallon

CC: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator