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Honorable Debra Savage, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62762

Dear Chairperson Savage,

Please accept this letter of support regarding the Certificate of Need (CON) application submitted by Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS), for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon.

I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Touchette Regional Hospital and the Southern Illinois Health Foundation (SIHF) which operates a network of more than thirty health centers across 14 Illinois counties. We are one of the largest federally qualified health centers in the country, devoted to providing comprehensive and high-quality healthcare to people in the region, regardless of their ability to pay. On behalf of Touchette and SIHF, I support this CON application because it will enable St. Elizabeth's Hospital to address its significant operating room overutilization and unmet demand for medical office space, and thereby serve the healthcare needs of patients in southwestern Illinois.

Touchette and SIHF focus on health equity and service to all who need care; this makes us acutely aware of the importance of access to healthcare, in communities such as ours. St. Elizabeth Hospital's proposed CON will better enable it to meet the clinical demands of its existing patients, and thus be of significant benefit to the Metro East region.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital's CON application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry McCulley".

Larry McCulley, CEO
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