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September 4, 2024

Honorable Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62762

Re: Support for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Proposal to Expand

Honorable Chair Savage,

This letter is written in support of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) project to expand its clinical capacity, with intent to provide the greater O'Fallon community with additional options for high quality care, close to home.

As president of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Hospital ("CGH"), I collaborate regularly with HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital and know it to be a well-established and respected provider of healthcare services in our region. My duties include oversight of operational and clinical services at CGH, including ambulatory and outpatient care, and of pediatric services throughout the SSM Health System. With a history of providing care in southwestern Illinois since 1875, St. Elizabeth's Hospital is an essential part of the region's healthcare delivery system and a reliable collaborative partner in caring for the community.

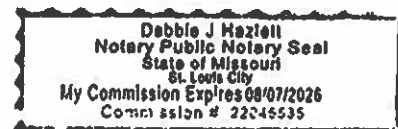
The CON application of St. Elizabeth's Hospital -- to invest over \$50 million in new clinical infrastructure with a new 70,000 square foot medical office building and associated ambulatory surgical treatment center -- serves as an investment in the Metro East community. Reflecting the need for this investment, St. Elizabeth's has experienced significant OR overutilization and, with its existing MOB now operating at full capacity, unmet demand for providers of specialized medical care to locate on the hospital campus. Your approval of this CON application will enable St. Elizabeth's to make specialty care, including urology, neurology, and advanced pediatrics, more fully available in the local healthcare delivery market.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this application.

Sincerely,

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Hossain Marandi, MD, MBA, FACHE
President, SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Hospital



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