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Honorable Debra Savage, Chair
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Honorable Chair Savage,

Please accept this letter of support for the CON application from Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The project invests in the community where I grew up and where I now practice medicine. The \$50 million+ will provide medical office building space and an ambulatory surgical treatment center. These investments keep patients in the community, allowing practitioners like me to continue to serve and support the health of the community.

Your support of this CON application allows St. Elizabeth's Hospital to make specialty care more available in the Metro East area. It will help to bring advanced podiatry, pediatrics, neurology, ENT, and urology services, through a new 70,000 square foot medical office building. And HSHS' proposed ambulatory surgical treatment center is a needed investment because St. Elizabeth's has experienced significant OR overutilization. The completion of the project will address identified need.

Thank you for this opportunity to support my community through supporting this application.

Sincerely,

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