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**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition Letter to CON 24-011 & CON 24-013  
**Date:** Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:45:32 AM

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**From:** [Maggie Alderman](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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**From:** [Meghan Alsvig](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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Meghan Alsvig

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jenny Foreman](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Opposition Letter to CON 24-011 & CON 24-013  
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Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I am a mother of a child with several medical conditions which already force us to seek care outside of Ottawa which is a big strain on our family. While pregnant I worked in Streator and went to the ER at the advice of my OB. Streator's OB had been eliminated and therefore the ER wouldn't perform any tests my doctor was asking for. My only option was to transport to Ottawa or Morris. Luckily my baby was okay but I cannot imagine how a long transport to qualified medical professionals would have impacted her health if it had been a serious complication. Hearing about Ottawa's new hospital proposal makes me concerned for the health of our community.

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Ottawa, IL resident  
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**From:** [Laura Garwood](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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**From:** [Jennifer Rios](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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**From:** [Shannon Matteson](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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Jen Jobst

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**From:** [Katie Pleines](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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-Katie Pleines  
(815) 742 1975

**From:** [Sara Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Roate, George](#)  
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