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Ms. Debra Savage
Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62762

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Chairperson Savage and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

The Fairview Heights community is home to great parks, a thriving business community, and a wide variety of housing options to meet the needs of its residents. We enjoy an excellent quality of life in Fairview Heights and, as the mayor of this great city, I am proud to represent this community. In that capacity, I wholeheartedly support the Certificate of Need application by HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital to invest \$66 million in the hospital facility to meet its existing patient demand.

The people of Fairview Heights understand that access to high quality healthcare is part of a thriving community. Our residents depend upon nearby St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and have a vested interest in its ongoing ability to meet patient care demand. The extremely high patient utilization levels now experienced at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, especially when compared to the state's much-lower target utilization rates, justify the proposed capital improvements. These investments will help ensure that, when citizens of Fairview Heights require emergency department care or access to an in-patient medical/surgical bed, St. Elizabeth's Hospital will have the necessary capacity.

Beyond its evident merits from a healthcare perspective, the proposed project by St. Elizabeth's Hospital represents a significant opportunity for job creation and new economic activity in the Metro East region.

Please approve this Certificate of Need application.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark Kupsky, Mayor
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