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Hon. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Support for CON Application by HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon \$66M Project to Enhance Space Efficiency and Meet Current Patient Demand

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

Please accept this letter of support from the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce for the Certificate of Need (CON) application of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon (SEO) for the authority to make \$66 million in capital improvements to meet existing patient demand in the emergency department and medical/surgical unit.

In addition to meeting the healthcare needs of the O'Fallon community, SEO has been a good corporate citizen of our region. This CON application continues that track record of commitment by improving the hospital campus to: (i) add 32 in-patient medical/surgical unit beds to meet present patient volumes and a very modest 1% annual growth rate; (ii) add 8 new emergency department treatment rooms to address existing department demand with modest growth projections; and (iii) enhanced emergency department capabilities with a new CT scanner and X-Ray machine.

Your approval of this CON will allow SEO to modernize 35,000 square feet of space and add 19,000 square feet of new clinical space. The project will better utilize the hospital footprint to deliver an enhanced healthcare experience through increased patient access and efficiency of care/service.

The planned \$66 million investment by SEO represents a significant capital project that will create jobs and support economic development in the Metro East region. I respectfully encourage the Review Board to approve this CON application.

Best regards,

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