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Honorable Debra Savage, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62762

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Support for CON #25-011 / St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Chairperson Savage,

I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of both Touchette Regional Hospital and the Southern Illinois Health Foundation (SIHF). As one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in the country, we are devoted to providing high-quality health care to people in the region regardless of their ability to pay. We operate a network of more than 30 health centers across 14 Illinois counties, including in St. Clair County, where the applicant – St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon (SEO) – is located.

On behalf of Touchette and SIHF, I write to express my support for the above-referenced Certificate of Need (CON) application for clinical and infrastructure investments at SEO.

We are well aware that the greater O'Fallon community is a high utilizer of SEO's medical and surgical units and emergency department; with those areas of SEO at or above capacity, patients often must wait in the emergency department for an inpatient bed to become available. This CON application will address these capacity constraints by adding 32 new inpatient medical/surgical unit beds and eight new emergency department treatment rooms at the hospital.

Your approval of this CON application, I respectfully suggest, will meet an existing need at SEO and serve the healthcare needs of the population that depends upon the hospital. I appreciate this opportunity to comment on CON #25-011, as well as your consideration of our supportive position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Larry McCulley'.

Larry McCulley, CEO
SIHF Healthcare and Touchette Regional Hospital