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December 19, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital CON Application
\$66M in Capital Improvements to Meet Existing Med/Surg & ED Patient Demand

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

On behalf of the Southwestern Illinois Building Trades Council, which proudly serves member unions spanning 12 counties in Southwestern Illinois, I respectfully urge your approval of the HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Certificate of Need allowing for \$66 million in capital improvements to meet existing patient demand in the hospital emergency department and medical/surgical unit.

This project represents an opportunity to address the existing healthcare needs in the greater O'Fallon area – and many of our union members personally rely upon the O'Fallon hospital campus for their medical care – while also providing much needed economic activity and trade union jobs in the Metro East region of Illinois.

This is a great opportunity for O'Fallon, the Metro East region of Illinois, and our trade union members. We respectfully ask that you approve the CON application of HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Oller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Oller
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator