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HEALTH FACILITIES
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Via Personal Delivery

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

Re: Support for Certificate of Need Application by HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital
\$66 Million Capital Improvement Authority to Meet Existing Patient Demand

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

On behalf of the 10,000 members of the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, I write in support of the Certificate of Need ("CON") application filed by HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, IL for \$66 million in capital improvement authority.

This is just another example of HSHS St. Elizabeth's commitment to providing quality healthcare, serving the Metro East region, and partnering with organized labor. We supported HSHS in its earlier CON request (for authorization to add an ASTC and MOB to its O'Fallon hospital campus at a cost of some \$54 million) and likewise support this latest project to address existing capacity needs at the hospital, generate trade union jobs, and support economic activity in southwestern Illinois.

The Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council supports HSHS St. Elizabeth's CON application and respectfully encourages your approval.

Best regards,

Scot Luchtefeld, President
Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

cc: John P. Kniery, HFSRB Administrator