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Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that you reject Project 25-013, OSF's proposal to eliminate ICU and OB services in Ottawa, IL.

As a retired nurse practitioner and former ICU nurse, my concern is that people will certainly die due to the prolonged time in receiving life saving medical help. For example, a successfully resuscitated unstable patient needing to be transferred to another town for ICU. Also, a woman in advanced labor with complications needing to be transferred to another town.

As a former provider for the OSF SNF practice, I witnessed first hand the difficulty families experienced in traveling and transporting elderly parents to see specialists out of town due to lack of orthopedic surgeons in Ottawa. This difficulty will be exponentially increased. It will also be almost impossible to recruit new providers to a medical wasteland.

I am sure you have heard the city's concerns regarding overwhelming the ambulance and police force.

Ottawa and surrounding areas have the largest population in OSF's I 80 territory. The fact that Ottawa as a community GAVE them our hospital 13 years ago is a huge factor. Ottawa was sold on the promises that OSF would bring bigger and better health care services to our community. Apparently, we were fooled.

Thank you for your consideration.

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