

October 27, 2025

IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board ("HFSRB")
Attn: Debra Savage, Chairwoman
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition Letter for CON Project #25-013: OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Ottawa – Discontinuation of 5-bed Intensive Care Unit & 14-bed Obstetrics Unit (Labor & Delivery)

Dear Chairwoman:

I am writing to you in **opposition** of OSF HealthCare's plans to discontinue Intensive Care ("ICU") and Labor/Delivery Obstetrical ("OB") services at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center ("SEMC") in Ottawa.

I am sure you have received a ton of formal complaint letters that look almost identical. I'll spare you a little reading. I am opposed to the closings as our neighbor to the south, Streator, has already suffered significant cut-backs making bed space and services in Ottawa even more critical.

There are simply too many data-driven concerns for the HFSRB to approve of OSF's plans to discontinue OB and ICU services at Ottawa's hospital. I sincerely hope the board denies OSF this permit application.

Thank you,

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