

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)

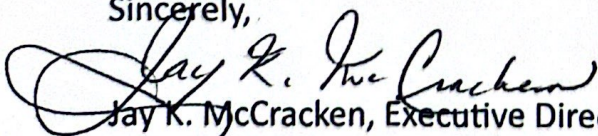
Dear Chairwoman:

As the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, I am writing 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.

Our Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce has met with area businesses and industries in the Ottawa Area. We have industries that need a fully functioning Intensive Care Unit within 10 minutes of their industrial location. This is a major concern for our Ottawa Area Chamber and our area businesses/industries. The safety and well-being of our employees depend on ICUs that can handle emergency situations in close proximity to the industries, not 25 minutes away.

With that compelling reason, I respectfully urge you to deny OSF this permit application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay K. McCracken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jay K. McCracken, Executive Director

Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry