



## Amy "Murri" Briel

State Representative • 76<sup>th</sup> District

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To the Health Facilities Board:

I write to you to express my outright objection to project 25-0313, the OSF CON for the discontinuation of OB and ICU services at the Ottawa Hospital. The arrogance and audacity of this industrial health entity have provided nothing of value to the discussions about providing adequate healthcare to the CO2 region. OSF has shown nothing but contempt for this board and the community it "serves". I have been witness to the lack of transparency, unwillingness to enter serious negotiations, and outright false information being spread through the media, all while access to healthcare becomes less and less available.

As a state representative, I can confidently say that we don't always get things right. About seven years ago, the legislature passed a law—well-intentioned but heavily influenced by the fearmongering of the industrial health complex. That law created loopholes that corporations like OSF have since exploited to monopolize services and prioritize profit over care. As a Representative, I am actively working to find a way to undo what has been done, but it will take time, and that does not change where we are today. Multiple inquiries have been made to the Attorney General to investigate OSF's business practices.

The Ottawa facility is a unicorn in America. A rural hospital that is profitable—and therefore, what I find most galling about OSF's decisions is the organization's hypocrisy. These decisions are not based on their mantra of caring for the community, but instead on what is best for their bottom line. I fear that OSF's lack of respect for this board and the community is why they are STILL brazenly moving forward, whether with or without your approval. Feels like living in the movie Groundhog Day.

It is past time to reimagine healthcare, but this "proposal" is only suitable for OSF's bottom line, not for the communities that will be impacted. An approval would be truly devastating to a thriving and growing community. I urge you to stand with us as we demand real healthcare by denying the CON for Project 25-0313.

Sincerely,

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