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RE: St. Elizabeth's Plans to Move to O'Fallon

I've recently read many comments regarding St. Elizabeth's planned move from Belleville to O'Fallon. While many people are concerned about the impact to Belleville, as a citizen of O'Fallon, I am excited about the planned move. Belleville has another hospital to serve its citizens and having a hospital in the growing area around O'Fallon will mean a much shorter distance for my family to reach an emergency room.

Additionally, the new hospital will be located near I-64, meaning easy access for much of the region, including parts of Belleville. St. Elizabeth's is currently difficult to access for almost anyone who lives outside the city of Belleville.

Please consider this point of view **IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED MOVE** as you review St. Elisabeth's request to relocate.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick Breaux

October 16, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
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Re: In Support of Project #14-043
St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's plans to build a replacement hospital in O'Fallon.

I have lived in the Belleville area all of my life, having been born at St. Elizabeth's 69 years ago.

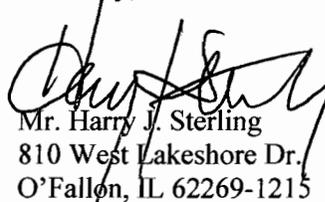
Our family has always used St. Elizabeth's for all needs. Most particularly I was a cardiac patient at the hospital 16 years ago after suffering a heart attack and received unbelievably good care which I am sure saved my life. The people there are wonderful.

The new location is not only more convenient for me but the region in general, including underserved areas West of the new location as well as communities East of the new location, including the area's largest and most vital employer, Scott Air Force Base. I live in O'Fallon and it is very difficult to wind through the streets to get to the old hospital although we do it because of the quality of care.

It just makes sense that a new facility is better for the region, attracting additional doctors, etc. and a complex to be equipped with the most modern technology. I love the old hospital but its time has passed. My cardiologist stated it simply-we just can't fix it.

I strongly encourage you to approve St. Elizabeth's replacement hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Sincerely,



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