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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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RE: In Support of Project #14-043 St. Elizabeth's Hospital's replacement hospital in O'Fallon

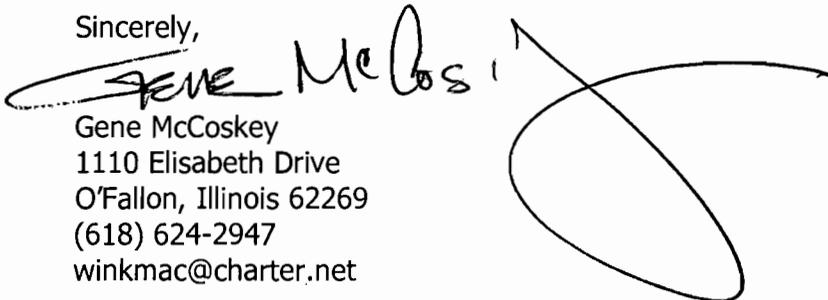
Dear Ms. Avery:

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

My wife and I have lived in O'Fallon, Illinois for over 20 years. We currently seek emergency health care services at St. Elisabeth's Urgi-care in O'Fallon or drive to Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis for ER and Hospital care. Prior to moving to St. Clair County I lived in West St. Louis County for over 20 years and know that effective and efficient hospitals are more accessible and financially viable when located along the Interstates. That location more readily permits easy access for ambulances, cars, busses and also provides an airspace corridor for helicopter medical units.

The O'Fallon replacement hospital will be closer and more convenient for my family, but also for tens of thousands of residents in the Metro East. I'm also supportive of a modern hospital that is designed for patient care and safety, with all the newest medical technology. A new state of the art hospital will also help attract and retain quality specialists, physicians and nurses and thus improve the Healthcare services for all residents in the Metro East. Thank you for the opportunity to state my support for this important project. I hope you'll vote to approve and support the new St. Elizabeth's O'Fallon hospital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene McCoskey". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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