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Re: Opposition to CON Project #20-30 – Effingham Medical Office Building

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the Effingham Catholic Charities ("ECC"), I respectfully ask that the Review Board deny this CON application as submitted. If the applicant refiles this project to avoid duplicating the existing services at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, a critically needed Sole Community Hospital, my concerns would be addressed.

St. Anthony's has been a welcome and vital partner in providing guidance and support to ECC. The hospital supports many ECC services, including: counseling; crisis assistance; medical prescription assistance; and legal aid, among others. The CON application places St. Anthony's continuing support at serious risk. Unless modified, this project will:

- duplicate services and simply redirect patient volume and revenue away from St. Anthony's; and
- result in job losses, service cuts, and reduced community support at or by the hospital.

Please deny Project #20-30 as submitted.

Respectfully,

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