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Dear Ms Avery,

When I heard about the Sarah Bush Lincoln building project, my first thought was, "WOW, what a smart idea, combining several of the services SBL already offers in Effingham into one location". And when I heard of HSHS opposing the permit my first thought was "WOW, how petty".

Convenience to patients should be a health care provider's first priority, which is what SBL is trying to do with the new building. When constructed, instead of having patients go to Maple St for bloodwork, Evergreen St. for pre-procedure Covid testing, Temple St. for surgery and back to a different building on Evergreen St. for post op care or therapy, they can have most of those services all in one place!! I'd like to reiterate that all of these services are already IN Effingham. Adding CAT scan could be done in another building, but why not put it in with all the other testing that SBL already offers IN Effingham.

Aside from convenience to patients, it's a smart financial move to reduce building costs as well (taxes, upkeep, utilities, etc). The new building will be more efficient, environmentally friendly and more handicap equipped.

I can't imagine why a healthcare facility is trying to stop another healthcare facility from becoming more convenient for their patients, competition or not, it should be about the patients.

Every business has competition; there are over 5 pizza places, 3 grocery stores, and more than 4 churches in Effingham City limits. When HSHS built a convenient care and Prairie Heart building down the road from Sarah Bush, were they worried about redundancy then?? HSHS didn't combine service buildings that were already in Coles County, they offered new HSHS services to the area.

I have family that works at HSHS and have used their services for years, I think they are a great facility, but this opposition makes me want to look elsewhere for my health care more than any competition ever could.

Please don't stop a good thing from becoming even better in our community.

Sincerely,

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