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

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a community member, I respectfully urge the Review Board to deny this CON application as originally submitted, and only approve a revised CON application for an appropriately-sized building that does not duplicate existing hospital services.

The redundancy of service and redirection of patients will cause job losses and service cuts at St. Anthony's, and significantly reduce the many ways that the hospital supports the greater Effingham community. COVID-19 has already impacted St. Anthony's financially and caused layoffs. This project would cause hardship for the colleagues, organization, and ultimately the communities that are served.

Sincerely,

Henry O. Mitchell

Community Member

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