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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
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Dear Illinois Health Services and Planning Review Board members:

I am writing in support of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic project (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030).

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation has one overriding role: to support causes that improve the quality of life for residents in SBL's 10-county service area. We often ask our community members to help us help their friends and neighbors. Effingham has some of the most generous people. Community members come together to support each another, their businesses and special projects.

The community has a history of supporting many Sarah Bush Lincoln causes as well, like scholarships for local students pursuing healthcare careers, end-of-life care through Hospice, capital building projects for the SBL Heart Center and SBL Regional Cancer Center, plus dental services for children who live below the poverty line.

Effingham is part of the Sarah Bush Lincoln 10-county service area, so its residents have access to some of the best clinicians in the region, even if they don't have the means to pay for care. Our fundraising efforts assist these programs to improve the quality of life for area residents.

I support the Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic replacement project (Effingham Medical Office Building #20-030) and ask you to approve this Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely,

Scott Bland
Board Member, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation