OFFICIAL PETITION







To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

I respectfully ask for the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to vote against the new hospital that OSF is proposing for Ottawa in their Certificate of Need Application # 24-011. Our community citizens and leaders are concerned about the loss of inpatient services in the Intensive Care Unit, the OB/Delivery Unit, and the extreme reduction in the number of inpatient medical/surgical beds from the number we have today.

Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa is thriving, and such a substantial reduction in the size and scope of their operations does not make sense when it has operated with a positive net income for years, and it has been awarded for its outcomes in quality and safety measures from industry leaders on performance reporting. Our community is proud of our hospital, the people who work there and the services they provide.

We hope that OSF will reconsider and revise their plans for a new hospital in Ottawa to be sized right for our community, but one that will not remove access to these critical inpatient services.

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