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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Testimony of **OPPOSITION** of Project # 10-089, Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital, Crystal Lake

Dear Ms Avery:

My name is Jack Porter. I am a local McHenry county resident, residing at 1552 Bobolink Circle, Woodstock, IL. I am President of Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. and Mg. Partner for LandKeepers, LLC with offices also in Woodstock. In addition, I serve on the Board of Governors for the Centegra Health System and am a member of the Quality and Service and Human Resource Committee for Centegra Hospital system. I also serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Woodstock.

My wife and I have been in McHenry County for over 22 years and have watched Centegra grow and become a leader in this area for health care. I was honored to be asked to serve on the board over four years ago. Since then I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding of our health care system and needs.

With a background in planning and development, I understand the need for providing convenience and balance for a growing population. Health care in the right location is fundamental to servicing that growth. Logic would dictate that you identify service gaps in the market and locate them in areas that will be best served. In my opinion, Mercy Hospital request to locate in Crystal Lake would provide overlapping services and an excess of beds.

We are already seeing highway and infrastructure improvements being put in place to handle the planned residential and commercial growth in Southern McHenry and Northern Kane Counties. Planning ahead to meet those health care needs are imperative. A new hospital in Crystal Lake is contradictory to planning logic and would not effectively meet the needs of the residents of Southern McHenry and Northern Kane Counties, especially the 6000 residents of Del Webb age restricted community.

As a resident, businessman and as a member of our community health care governing body, I oppose the application of Mercy Alliance to establish a new hospital in Crystal Lake for project No. 10-089. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jack Porter
President

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