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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project #10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I oppose Centegra Health System's application to build a new hospital in Huntley, IL. I feel that Centegra should not build a hospital that is excessively priced and would result in a duplication of services as close as Elgin. Why not locate needed hospital and emergency services in the area of greatest need in McHenry County which is Crystal Lake? That need exists today and you don't have to wait for the population to catch up with the project. If you are going to build a hospital in McHenry County, build it in Crystal Lake where those most in need will be served.

I am also concerned that Centegra would create a monopoly with a third hospital in McHenry County. I am concerned that Centegra will drive up the cost of medical care in this community and not really address service needs in the county where they are the greatest. I am concerned that Centegra will drive down wages and benefits for nurses and other health care professionals. I believe in competition that will insure that high paying good jobs will stay in McHenry County and nurses and other health care professionals will receive the respect and compensation they need. I ask you to please deny the Centegra application.

Additional notes:

Sincerely,

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