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To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of Huntley's senior citizens, and I am vehemently opposed to Centegra Health System's plan to build a hospital in Huntley. There are more reasons to oppose it than to condone it.

Centegra's proposed hospital is unnecessary. All of the services they plan to offer are already provided by the new Sherman Hospital on Randall Road at Interstate 90, an arguably superior hospital newly relocated for fast, easy access to better serve growing population centers like Huntley. It has state-of-the-art facilities, plus highly skilled and experienced doctors and staff already in place.

Seniors take note. Sherman Hospital has been a cardiac care center longer than Centegra has existed, and has performed more cardiac procedures than the surrounding hospitals combined. Centegra only recently applied to perform open-heart procedures. This is important to know!

Centegra will not provide and staff a Level 1 Trauma Center. The heliport they propose will be used to take cases beyond their capability to hospitals that are equipped with Level 1 Trauma Centers including Rockford Memorial, Lutheran General and Advocate Condell.

A Centegra hospital in Huntley will only dilute Sherman Hospital's patient base as well as take patients away from Centegra's own existing hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry. This reduces revenues for all.

I can't imagine the State Board allowing Centegra to build this hospital because there is no need! The decision should be based on need, not greed, and certainly not politics!

Sincerely yours,



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