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

Re: Opposition to Mercy Micro Hospital - CON Project 17-002

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need application for a hospital in Crystal Lake.

In my opinion, another hospital is not needed given the fact that four hospitals already exist in McHenry County. A new hospital (Centegra-Huntley) was just added to McHenry County and is less than a year old. While Crystal Lake does not have its own hospital, there are four hospitals within a seven mile radius of the proposed hospital site. Every community does not need its own hospital. The service area of the proposed hospital overlaps with the area hospitals, posing significant duplication of services.

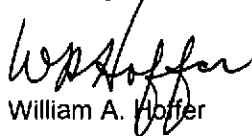
Among Mercy's justifications for the new hospital is access for the financially disadvantaged population, however, Crystal Lake is situated in McHenry County, one of the more affluent counties in the state. Further, Crystal Lake is one of the more affluent cities in McHenry County. Mercy's CON proposes to relocate resources from the Mercy location in Harvard to Crystal Lake. In contrast to Crystal Lake, Harvard is a financially challenged community. The poverty rate and percent of patients with Medicaid is more than twice as high in Harvard compared to Crystal Lake.

In addition to the location contradiction, the proposed hospital will only be providing a basic level of emergency services. A visit to an emergency room is an expensive option for a basic level of emergency services and a time delaying step for critical patients who need to be transferred to a full-service hospital.

The construction of this new hospital will result in a price tag of over \$80M. For a 13-bed hospital this definitely seems unwarranted. In a time of skyrocketing health care costs, stewardship and prudence are critical.

As Chairman of the Advocate Sherman Hospital Board, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and opposition to the Mercy-Crystal Lake Hospital.

Sincerely,



William A. Hoffer

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Springfield, Illinois

May 6, 2017

*Re: Opposition to Crystal Lake by Mercy, CON# 17-002*

I strongly oppose the proposed hospital in Crystal Lake. Mercy is justifying this project as a means to provide greater access for those who live in Crystal Lake and are challenged with transportation. It seems that providing a van service to those folks who do not have transportation would be far less expensive. In fact, my hospital already provides free van service to all of its locations. And my hospital is not even very far from the proposed Crystal Lake Hospital. .

Please vote to deny a CON for this expensive and unnecessary project.

A concerned citizen...

*Gina Duszka*

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**Regarding: Opposition to Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital, CON # 17-002**

**Dear Ms. Avery:**

**I write in opposition to Mercy's plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake. This hospital is not needed and is very costly, more than eighty million dollars.**

**I ask the Board to deny this project.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Durband', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Ruth Durband**

**21072 North 20<sup>th</sup> street**

**Barrington, IL 60010**

May 8, 2017

Ms. Kathryn Olson

Board Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board

525 West Jefferson, Springfield Illinois

Subject: Opposition to Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake

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17-002

**Dear Ms. Kathryn Olson:**

I oppose this project. In a time of reduced revenue from the government, reduction in reimbursement from insurance companies and increasing bad debt and charity, do we really need to bring in another high cost hospital. We already have many hospitals in the area that provide all the necessary services.

A new hospital is simply unnecessary and redundant.

Sincerely,



Dawn Moeller, RN

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