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Ms. Kathy Olson

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor

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Springfield, Illinois 62761

HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: Letter of OPPOSITION to CON Application #17-002, Mercy Micro Hospital in Crystal

Lake

Dear Ms. Olson and Fellow Review Board Members:

OrthoIllinois is a subspecialty practice comprised of 25 surgeons, seven non-operative physicians, and four clinic locations in Crystal Lake, Huntley, and Rockford, Illinois. The practice has served the musculoskeletal needs of northern Illinois residents since 1967.

In providing musculoskeletal care to citizens in McHenry County it has been our working experience that the facilities, capabilities, and access to care of the area's four current hospitals has been exceptional and more than adequate to meet the needs of our communities. Centegra McHenry, Centegra Woodstock, Advocate Good Shepherd, and the newly opened Centegra Huntley hospitals provide excellent quality and are versed and equipped to serve medical needs arising along a full spectrum from non-urgent to critical and life-threatening.

Not only is the need for another hospital facility not validated, but the very nature of the limited types of services a micro hospital offers to patients could lead to public confusion, unmet expectations and delay of care in critical situations.

Between the high quality of care and transportation options already made available to the public by the four current hospitals and the numerous immediate care facilities located throughout the county, the need for an additional but limited service hospital facility is simply not needed.

We urge the Board to DENY CON Application #17-002.

Don Schreiner

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Chief Executive Officer

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