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

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Re: opposition to CON 18-042, QMG Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Meghan Kaufmann, and I am a Blessing Hospital employee. I am a citizen of Quincy, Illinois and have worked at both Quincy Medical Group and Blessing Hospital. I strongly oppose the above referenced CON project, as it will negatively impact our community.

I oppose this project because it is a duplication of services in our community that is unnecessary. QMG had a surgery center in our community, and sold it to Blessing Hospital several years ago. QMG is also owned partly by Unity Point, which is based in Iowa. This is not a local organization, and the revenue isn't staying in the community. I have been a QMG patient my entire life, and the quality of care has diminished since the sale to Unity Point. My entire family has moved our healthcare, as they are focused on revenue now instead of patient care.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 (the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

-Meghan Kaufmann
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