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

RE: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group
Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

Thank you for your attention to this opposition statement. I am currently the Experience Manager, Blessing Corporate Services, a part of Blessing Health System. I am strongly opposed to the referenced CON 18-042.

As an employee of Blessing for over 14 years in a variety of roles, I am proud to be a part of a healthcare organization with a mission to improve the health of our communities by specifically providing necessary care and resources to those who would not be able to access vital care. For instance, the Behavioral Healthcare Blessing provides to those who have no means to pay. Cancer Care is also provided at very low reimbursement to patients rejected by their inability to pay more by other providers. Blessing does this by reinvesting our dollars back into the community as we remove waste and duplication in all of our processes. If this CON 18-042 goes forward, it will add so much expense for our patients and community not with at least 110% of any profits leaving our community not invested in needed healthcare. Note that Blessing provided \$6,000,000.00 in charity care last year as well as a total of \$62,000,000 in community benefit.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Michelle K. Kaspare