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Mrs Courtney Berry
Administrator
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical
Group Surgery Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Mrs. Berry,

As a member of the Quincy community as well as an employee of Blessing Health System, I am writing to share my objection to the duplication of services and facilities that would be a result of this proposed project.

In this small community, of utmost importance is the availability of high quality, cost-effective healthcare. Presently, the historic collaborative partnership between Blessing and Quincy Medical Group has resulted in patient focused services while maintaining a positive patient experience and outcomes as a non-profit entity. Blessing has continuously led the region in ensuring affordable patient access for all community members, regardless of payer source, including charity care. Blessing, unlike Quincy Medical Group, has a strong focus on patients over profits. A

duplication of services is highly likely to result in increased costs rather than any perceived reduction in fees in the long term.

Partnership & collaboration in a rural region are of the utmost importance, not only to patients but also to healthcare workers. Should volumes of patients be divided amongst facilities in a small region, the options for healthcare workers are not necessarily improved, but may ultimately result in a reduction of benefits & a potential loss of long term accruals of global benefit packages (seniority, paid time off, retirement options & accruals, etc).

With the many expenses in healthcare, a fractured regional system of care delivery is not an effective solution. Collaboration, commitment to cost containment & relationships with patients are the most important focus, regardless of payer source and profit.

Please consider opposing this con.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Larson
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