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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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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:

My name is Cindy Cobb and I am a preschool teacher at the Blessing Early Learning Center. I have worked for this organization for the past 28 years. I am opposed to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center.

The main reason for my objection is my fear for the loss of Behavioral Care at Blessing which gets funding from the cardiology & surgery dept revenues. I am a single mother with 2 teenage children. Both of whom have been experienced bullying & sadly have both considered suicide. Luckily we were able to seek counseling at the Behavioral Health dept at Blessing Physicians Services which would have been a challenge financially without Blessing's help for lower income families. I have also experienced billing issues with QMG. I am divorced & in our decree it clearly states that my ex-husband & I are each responsible for 50% of any medical bills. I had bills at QMG & paid my half. Yet I was turned over to a collection agency because my ex didn't pay his share. I took them my divorce papers but they stated that was between the 2 of us not them. After getting turned over to collections twice, I chose to find a new primary care giver at Blessing Physician Services. Once Blessing billing department had a copy of our divorce decree, they billed us separately & I no longer live in fear that my credit score is going to be ruined because my ex-husband of 10 yrs chooses not to pay his bills. Divorce is a common thing in this day & age, I worry that the QMG surgery center will continue this practice to get their money. My children's doctor visit bills are nothing compared to what a surgery bill is. That will easily totally ruin a person's credit score for a very long time if they are punished because their ex-spouse doesn't pay QMG.

I respectfully ask that that the Health Facilities & Services Review Board deny the Quincy Medical Group Surgery center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cindy Cobb