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Ms. Courtney R. Avey
Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avey,

My name is Bridget Ormond and I am the Supervisor of Behavioral and Social Services with Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois. I have worked at Blessing for 10 years but have been a community member of Quincy, IL. for all 37 years of my life with the exception of attending college for 3.5 years in Macomb, IL. I am writing this letter to express my strong concerns of QMG receiving a Certificate of Need for a Surgery Center in Quincy.

If QMG is provided with the C.O.N.-this will have a large negative impact in our community. Our community will only be torn apart not encouraged to come together. We currently have a Surgery center that is successfully meeting the needs of our community and this model is promoting our employees and community to come together and prosper. By separating what we have now - it would be like a divorce and everyone will suffer. Financially other programs will be effected and I worry about how we can keep everything running if we have another Surgery center to compete with in our community. We may see services like behavioral health suffer due to lack of funding in our budget. Actually we will see these services suffer! Cost will go up!

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

Sincerely,

Bridget Ormond

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