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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 Charles Lochman, and I work as a machinist at Gardner Denver in Quincy, Illinois. I have been a patient at Blessing Hospital several times and they have always provided excellent care. I also have used the Surgery Center for an outpatient surgery and was able to schedule it without having to wait. I watched the Public Hearing regarding the CON Hearing and QMG stated that it would drive the price of surgeries down, but what about the duplication of services it will cause and the possible loss of jobs at the hospital? I have concern about how this will affect the community? What about QMG wanting to have their own cancer center? The community came together several years ago and donated so that patients would not have to travel if diagnosed with cancer. I feel this would be unfair to the ones that did donate to this cause.

This is too small of a community to have two entities working against each other. The demand to support two surgery centers is not there. If the demand is not there, then the recruitment of top notch surgeons is nearly impossible. There is no need to replicate equipment and space at this time. That is why I am opposed to the CON, as the way I understand it, it will impact the safety net services of Behavioral Health services provided to our community, therefore, Blessing Health System would not be able to provide the best care, services and programs to our community, especially those who suffer from behavioral health issues. I have a son with psychiatric issues and since Hannibal Missouri closed their facility down several years ago, Blessing is the closest for him. He & others will be forced to travel hours/miles to receive care which will be a financial burden on them. The best thing for our community would be for Blessing Health System and Quincy Medical Group to continue to cooperate and work together to improve the health of our community and provide excellent care to all that we serve and love.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny the CON application 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois.

Sincerely,



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