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Ms. Courtney Avery
Executive Director
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I write in regard to the pending CON application 18-042. During this ongoing discussion, I support the review process of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. The board members have the expertise to examine the merits of the application and evaluate the proposal's ability to meet the statutory criteria to allow for additional medical facilities in the region.

I believe that increased competition in healthcare can work to drive down medical costs. This includes competition in the healthcare marketplace in the Quincy area. As we have seen over the last decade, the price of healthcare services has drastically increased for individuals and families. However, across the country, there are many positive examples where more competition in healthcare has resulted in lower medical costs. In addition, economic growth has expanded and prospered in communities where competition has been properly implemented. It is my goal that communities across my congressional district and the State of Illinois can benefit from lower healthcare costs and positive economic growth.

The Quincy community has two wonderful health care providers. Both entities provide quality health care services and improve the quality of life for our area. As you review the application, I urge you to consider the impacts that the decision will have on competition in the marketplace, access to critical medical services, the effects on lowering health care delivery costs while preserving access, and the potential impact this will have on economic development in the area.

Regards,

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