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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I am writing this letter in support of the expansion of Quincy Medical Group to the former Bergner's Building at the Quincy Mall. Please reconsider your vote for the sake of the current patients and potential patients of health care in Quincy, Illinois. In no specific order, I state my plea.

Concerns/Observations:

- **Duplication of services:** If you want to see a true duplication of services, walk in the north entrance of the Moorman Pavilion at Blessing Hospital. There on the bottom floor, you will encounter the infusion services of Blessing Hospital—directly above it on the main floor are the infusion services for Quincy Medical Group. The argument that the new facility would make for duplication of services has no warrant; we have been duplicating services in Quincy for years. It is called choice. Besides, I have had occasion to use the infusion services of QMG. It was crowded! QMG has no room to go there. One patient had to have attention when she had a reaction to her chemotherapy. The nurses had to move me to reach her. That should NEVER happen.
- **Not enough patients:** We are well on our way to becoming a major medical center for west central Illinois. There are enough patients. If Blessing truly believed that there are not enough patients, then they would not continue their own building blitz.
- **Build more surgical suites on the top floor of the Hampshire building:** What a cavalier attitude on the part of Blessing Hospital! Where are patients supposed to park without having to walk for blocks? QMG's Maine and Hampshire locations are exhausted.
- **Blessing's takeover of Quincy:** Goodness! Blessing reminds of the little boy who has every toy in the toy box—except one, and he is going to do everything possible to make sure no one else gets that one! A person cannot turn a corner in Quincy without tripping over some facility or potential facility labeled "Blessing Hospital". I am truly not complaining; in fact, I am proud and hold an overwhelming feeling of security. I am 64 years-old and have already had one incidence of cancer. The more health services I see offered in Quincy, the less likely I am to have to go out of town for care. But, with apologies to Blessing: Stop Whining!

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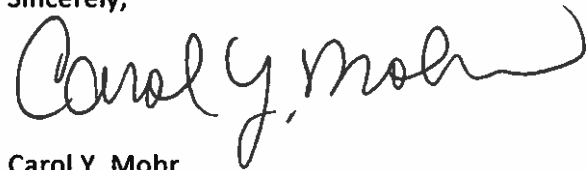
Look at that magnificent facility they are building on 48th Street, look at that huge former St. Mary's lot on Broadway, look at the old homes coming down on Broadway. They have no legitimate complaints about expansion.

- Use of the former Bergner's building: You cannot imagine my excitement when I first heard of QMG's expansion plans! The parking alone makes me giddy! To have many LARGE parking spaces available within a reasonable distance from an entrance to a climate-controlled environment! I could even park at the back of the Mall and quickly be inside out of the weather as I make my way to QMG's facility. The wonderful ramped drive for patient drop-off and pick-up! Convenient and out of traffic's way! The access to the stores and dining in the Mall while a family member is waiting for me to complete any treatment I might require. Easy access for walk-up care! What a financial boon for so many in the area! It could well be the salvation of our Mall shopping—and we have lost so much of shopping in Quincy in recent years.

I actually am quite a fan of Blessing Hospital. I have used their facilities, either personally or for my parents; I will use their facilities in the future. I realize I am just a small voice in a vast plan, but please consider the positive impact that such a move by QMG could have for patients. And, that is what healthcare is all about—patients and what is best for them.

Thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Y. Mohr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carol Y. Mohr

CC: Springfield

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