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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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Re: Project #18-042, Quincy Medical Group ASTC

Dear Ms. Avery,

Throughout my career I have focused on building relationships and fostering collaboration. Whether it was during my tenure as a Dean and Vice President at John Wood Community College, as the President of the Great River Economic Development Foundation, or now as the President of Quincy University, coming up with a collaborative approach to solving challenges has served me well.

I believe that the proposed outpatient surgery center at the Quincy Mall would not be in the best interest for our region. This center would be a duplication of services in our area and ultimately could lead to a loss of much needed services that are currently funded by profits from the existing surgery center. These services include a trauma center, the emergency care department, and behavioral treatment services among others.

I believe that the Facilities and Services Review Board made a wise decision at its March 5th meeting. The member's suggestion that Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical Group (QMG) collaborate on ways to make the current surgery center more viable for our community would be beneficial for all.

I am asking that you keep your past admonition on both parties to do what is good for the region and work collaboratively together for the good of our citizens and area. I encourage Blessing and QMG to find ways to work together to provide the best possible medical care for our community.

Sincerely,

Phillip Conover
President