



December 4, 2018

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center (project 18-042).

Quincy Medical Group has served the Tri-State region of West Central Illinois, Northeast Missouri, and Southeast Iowa for over 80 years, providing the highest quality care using the latest technologies. QMG has been a true partner of the communities it serves, improving lives and creating a healthier tomorrow, while also contributing to a healthy regional economy.

The Quincy Next Strategic Plan was adopted by the Quincy City Council in March 2018. The Plan is the culmination of an 18-month long process to identify our community's current direction, how conditions have changed and are changing, and what our community needs to do differently – and when – in order to address the issues and opportunities of the day. We were pleased to have a Quincy Medical Group representative actively participate in a leadership capacity for the development of the Plan.

Quincy Medical Group's proposed Surgery Center responds to at least two of the Plan's strategic initiatives:

1. Continue to be responsive to the region's healthcare needs and support this rapidly growing sector of the economy.
2. Encourage place-based interventions at the Quincy Mall site.

An additional Surgery Center located in Quincy's East Broadway Corridor benefits not only Quincy Medical Group patients, but also its employees and the greater population. The location in the former Bergner's Department Store building will fill a major vacancy and position the mall for future success. The Surgery Center will replace some of the lost tax revenues due to Bergner's closing, revenue the City of Quincy relies on to provide essential services.

It is for these reasons that I support Quincy Medical Group's application to establish the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center at 3347 Broadway in Quincy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Strong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maggie Strong
Facilitator
Quincy Next Strategic Plan