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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write regarding the pending CON application 19-029. 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 as it pertains to relocating medical facilities in the region.

I believe that increased competition in healthcare can work to improve the quality of care and drive down medical costs in our communities. With the Board's prior history allowing increased options for patient surgeries in the region, I believe continued modernization will allow for not only improvement in quality for existing ambulatory surgical treatment centers but also further ability to compete in the marketplace. These upgrades will ultimately benefit the patients in Quincy, Illinois as they are provided with modern facilities for their procedures.

Again, I appreciate the Board's expertise and consideration of this important topic in the Quincy medical community. As you review the application, I urge you to consider the impacts that this decision will have on the quality of care for patients and competition in the marketplace. Should you have any questions, please call my office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress