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**SUPPORT FOR CON 19-029
RELOCATION AND MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING SURGERY
CENTER
BLESSING HOSPITAL IN QUINCY, IL
PETITION SIGNED BY 41 QUINCY-AREA RESIDENTS**

SUBMITTED: AUGUST 27, 2019

**ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**QUINCY-AREA RESIDENTS IN SUPPORT OF
RELOCATION AND MODERNIZATION OF BLESSING SURGERY CENTER**

August 12, 2019

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

Re: Support for Blessing Hospital CON 19-029 Proposed Surgery Center
 Relocation and Modernization

Dear Ms. Avery:

The undersigned attended one or more of the town hall meetings (August 12 at John Wood Community College, August 13 at Quincy University, and August 15 at the Kroc Center) convened by Blessing Hospital to educate the community, and answer any questions, on the proposed relocation and modernization of the Blessing Ambulatory Surgery Treatment Center ("ASTC"). We wish to inform the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("Review Board") of our support.

Blessing's CON application:

- calls simply for the modernization of existing operating rooms and patient areas, adding no additional surgical capacity;
- represents a less costly, more efficient alternative for Blessing's existing ASTC – in comparison to an indefinite lease arrangement – and will save Blessing tens of millions of dollars over time;
- enables Blessing's non-profit ownership of the ASTC building, making the facility a community asset;
- allows Blessing to engage on a level playing field in the newly competitive ASTC marketplace in Quincy;
- protects an existing source of revenue – by enabling Blessing's ASTC to remain viable – that supports safety net services at the hospital; and
- provides a more up-to-date and accessible ASTC for Quincy-area health care consumers.

For these reasons, we support this proposed ASTC relocation and modernization, and we hope the Review Board approves CON 19-029.

Respectfully,

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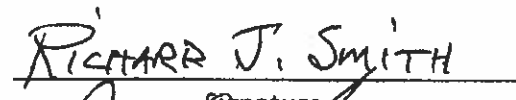

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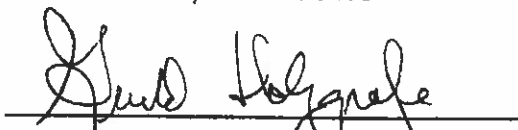

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Letter of Support – Blessing Hospital CON 19-029

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