

January 25, 2021

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

Re: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-044

Dear Ms. Avery,


I am writing in support of Quincy Medical Group Hospital because patients like me deserve choice and affordable access to the best care available. I believe that the community will benefit from a cost-efficient, operationally-efficient, and versatile small-format hospital. I have first-hand experience with QMG for over forty years, and my family includes four generations connected to several physicians and departments within QMG.

I have also experienced the cost effectiveness of using QMG services over other facilities. Being able to understand the average or general cost of services and procedures prior to accessing them is important to me. By identifying costs and savings for my health care allows me to better budget and plan for my medical needs. The new hospital will allow me to be cared for by my QMG doctor across all care settings, including an overnight hospital stay, if necessary. This improves the quality of my care and reduces my healthcare costs.

Over the years QMG has attracted a variety of high caliber physicians which has allowed me to stay in my local community for my medical care. For example, three years ago when I could no longer manage my back pain I was able to work with Dr. Gold and his staff to address my needs and stay close to my family. This was high on my priority list as my husband had passed away two years prior and I had no one to travel with me out of town or stay with me for any extended period of time away from home.

I believe that a small-format hospital will well serve not only Quincy but the surrounding community. I trust QMG with my health and QMG Hospital will help improve outcomes and ensure we have affordable access to the choice and care we need. I encourage you to approve Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-044.

Sincerely



Jillian Starman