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Ms. 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 a retired Catholic priest with 47 years in ministry, serving Central Illinois in church settings, as well as over 26 years of service as a U.S. Army Chaplain, and recently for 11 years as a chaplain at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. In all of those years I have worked closely with health professionals on five continents, both receiving and providing care to patients.

When I returned to Quincy some 15 years ago, and as a native of Quincy, I selected the Quincy Medical Group for my health care. I have found no better care anywhere in the world.

I was very happy several months ago when I heard that QMG was hoping to build a hospital facility at the Quincy Mall. This is a plus for Quincy as it will give our residents a choice, and will foster competition and excellence.

Should I need hospitalization, the new QMG facility would be my first choice, hands down.

Your support for this new hospital facility would be a real advance in medical care for Quincy. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Blickhan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "D" and "B".

Rev. Donald J. Blickhan