



February 11, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

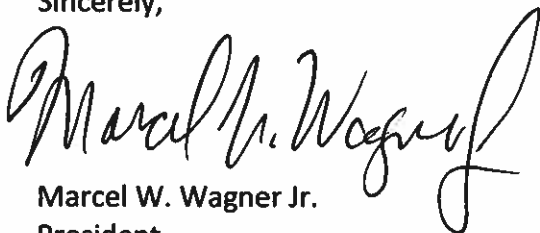
The Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF) recently learned of Quincy Medical Group's application to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for the development of a small format hospital attached to their Surgery Center located at the Quincy Mall. GREDF's mission is to "maintain and improve the economic vitality of Quincy and Adams County, Illinois through the retention and expansion of existing businesses and the attraction of new business to our community." Our Board of Directors reviewed, discussed, and concluded the project aligns with our mission to support existing business' expansion.

As the lead economic development agency for Quincy and Adams County, GREDF values the investments made by all our health care organizations. Not only do these investments provide access to a variety of world-class medical services here locally, but investments like this are the lifeblood to maintaining our growing and thriving community. Our local healthcare partners are vital to our community success and our region needs a variety of healthcare organizations to serve the needs of this region. Quincy Medical Group has been and will continue to be a valued partner to this organization and our community, as have our other healthcare providers. For Quincy and Adams County to continue to be a regional leader in health care, investments in community centric infrastructure must continue.

GREDF trusts and believes in the Certificate of Need's process administered by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to examine the facts and make the best decision to benefit our community and the State of Illinois.

Submitted on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Great River Economic Development Foundation.

Sincerely,



Marcel W. Wagner Jr.  
President



Michael L. Elbe  
Chairman of the Board