



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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

Dear Administrator Avery,

I write regarding the pending CON application 20-044 - Quincy Medical Group Hospital. I support the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's review process and appreciate the board members' expertise and ability to examine the merits of the application, evaluate the proposal's ability to meet required statutory criteria for consideration of a small-format hospital, and look at local need for additional medical facilities in the Quincy and West Central Illinois region.

As I've written to you in the past, I believe that one of the best ways to increase patient access and drive down medical costs is to increase competition in healthcare. As we work to find ways to address the rising costs of healthcare, move forward from the COVID-19 pandemic, and look to the future of access to high quality healthcare, we must support and encourage a robust marketplace for these services. In the Quincy area, we continue to see evidence of the positive effects of competition in lowering costs across industries including healthcare, and I support community efforts across my congressional district and the State of Illinois to increase access, promote robust patient resources, lower healthcare costs, and create positive economic growth. I believe approval of this application will assist with these efforts.

The Quincy community's health care providers have been expanding over the last several years, and I support that continued growth. The growing sector is offering exceptional patient services and improving the quality of life for our area. As you review the pending application, I urge you to consider all factors, including economic development, continued access to high quality medical services, and the benefits of lower healthcare costs for my constituents. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the healthcare interests of the Quincy community.

Sincerely

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress