



March 3, 2021

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Executive Director  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

On behalf of Titan International, I am writing in support of CON Project #20-044 to locate Quincy Medical Group Hospital at the Quincy Mall. Titan international's corporate headquarters are located in Quincy, where we've been a part of the community for more than a century. We employ 750 employees in Quincy.

In an environment where healthcare costs continue to rise, it is important to find ways to reduce costs in an appropriate care setting. The new hospital will specialize in treating patients as partners in their care and allow QMG's doctors the freedom to provide the highest quality care in the lowest cost care setting.

In addition to the financial, quality and access benefits to citizens and employers, the proposed hospital will have economic benefits to the entire community based on the proposed location, supporting 130 jobs across clinical and non-clinical roles.

Quincy Medical Group plans to incorporate the hospital into the Quincy Mall connecting to QMG's surgery center in the former site of Bergner's department store. This repurposing of space ensures that mall businesses will see increased traffic and will replace significant tax dollars lost by the departure of Bergner's and Sears.

Quincy Medical Group has long been vital to ensuring that high quality physicians' practice in Quincy. The hospital will only enhance physicians' ability to perform surgeries and procedures in a lower cost, high quality setting.

With this in mind, I ask that you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board support this important project for the citizens of Quincy and the surrounding area.

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