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 Blessing Health System. Blessing Health System has been a strong leader in our community and was on the frontlines in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Blessing has worked tirelessly over the past 11 months to keep all of our communities safe and healthy. Because of their deep connections to the community and relying on their first in class experts, Blessing acted quickly and smartly. They renovated their facility to create 87 rooms with the ability to care for up to 130 patients requiring negative pressure isolation. Blessing set up a hotline staffed by registered nurses who help callers with questions about COVID-19, including discussing any symptoms they might be experiencing. They also opened a drive-thru facility for COVID-19 testing and continue to offer testing today.

Blessing has demonstrated their commitment to the health and well-being of our communities. I stand in support of Blessing as they continue to provide high quality, affordable care to everyone.

Thank you,

Dan Hayden

Optometrist/Owner

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