



March 5, 2021

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,

On behalf of the Employers Healthcare Coalition, I would like to express our support for the Quincy Medical Group Hospital project. The Employers Healthcare Coalition is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health outcomes and healthcare choices available in west-central Illinois, northeast Missouri, and southeast Iowa (the "Tri-State Area").

Our mission is to ensure that area employers and their employees have access to high quality healthcare options at an affordable cost. We believe that this mission is achieved by emphasizing price and service competition among healthcare providers and insurers, and by establishing common healthcare purchasing criteria for employers based on quality, access, and cost. We believe that the hospital project proposed by Quincy Medical Group aligns with these goals.

Many area employers share the sentiment that the price of purchasing healthcare continues to be exorbitant in this market, which makes growth and recruitment more challenging and has a direct effect on the region's economy. Rising healthcare costs have continued to be a shared concern for those employers represented in our coalition. Increasing viable options for healthcare in addition to fostering healthy competition amongst providers in our community, represents a realistic and practical approach to resolving some of these concerns.

We are optimistic and encouraged by this proposal by Quincy Medical Group. We anticipate that their hospital will be patient-centered, physician-led, and state-of-the-art, expanding access to high quality healthcare services while reducing healthcare costs.



Our support for this endeavor does not suggest that we support Quincy Medical Group above other local providers. This is not the case. We support all local healthcare providers and look forward to any future projects that promote better access to quality healthcare, lower healthcare cost, and more efficiency in healthcare delivery. Competitively priced, high-quality healthcare is essential for the livelihood of local employers.

We anticipate that the Quincy Medical Group small-format hospital will help improve health outcomes, while promoting our goal of affordable access to quality healthcare. For these reasons we support this project. I encourage you to approve Quincy Medical Group Hospital, project #20-044.

Thank you,

Michael Stewart  
Executive Director  
Employers Healthcare Coalition