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

Dear Ms. Avery,

This letter is in regards to 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. The District is a non-profit volunteer driven organization devoted to growth, preservation, and economic vitality of the downtown in Quincy, Illinois. Our Board of Directors reviewed, discussed, and concluded the project will benefit the community with new and innovative healthcare.

The District values the investments made by all of our health care organizations. Not only do these investments provide access to a variety of world-class services here locally, but also investments like these 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 providers 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.

The District 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 District.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Bob Beswick President