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525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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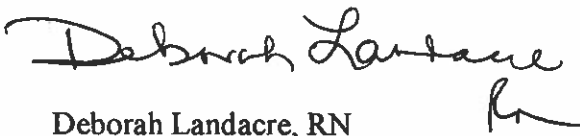
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As an employee of 36 years, I have seen the quality care and positive impact BHS has made on our community. The innovations, technology and commitment to the community is evident throughout the organization and has been in place for a very long time and will continue for future generations to come. I oppose the building of Quincy Medical Groups hospital.

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Blessing Hospital  
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Quincy, Illinois 62301

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