

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 opposition of Quincy Medical Group Hospital. The middle of a pandemic is not the time to disrupt an already fragile healthcare system in this region or to put additional strain on the healthcare safety net.

Blessing serves everyone, regardless of their income and ability to pay. They don't turn anyone away, they never have and never will. They combine the latest technology with a personal touch to deliver high quality, patient centered care, close to home. They are the most advanced medical center in 100-mile radius.

Blessing Health System has been a strong leader in our community and was on the frontlines in 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, they also set up a hotline staffed by registered nurses who help callers with questions about COVID-19, including discussing any symptoms they might be experiencing and they also stood up a drive-thru facility for COVID-19 testing.

The proposed small-format hospital is not needed and would only add stress to our region's healthcare system. I encourage you to oppose Quincy Medical Group Hospital, project #20-044.

Thank you,  
Brenda Dean  
Blessing Physician Services  
Kahoka, Missouri 63445

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We do not need a second hospital in our community, we do not have the population to appropriately support it. Twenty one percent of rural hospitals are at risk of closing. Opening a second hospital, during this time, is an unnecessary gamble in a region that does not have a demonstrable need for additional hospital beds. A second hospital would not increase choice or quality of care, instead it would strain an already limited talent pool and resources, diminishing our ability to receive consistent, high quality care.

I have been an employee of Blessing Health System for 13 years, and a member of this community for over 30 years. Blessing and Quincy Medical Group both support and are supported by this community. This isn't a we/they issue and it is also not about accessing excellent care. Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical Group both have excellent physicians in their clinics, cancer centers and surgery centers. "Hospital", in this community, does not need to be a plural as well. It is yet to be determined whether this community can even support these already duplicated services, as QMG's surgery center is still not open for business. A famous phrase comes to mind when discussing the proposed second hospital; "Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it". QMG is not looking at the history of this community and the needs versus the population. I ask that the state takes a very hard look at this proposal and makes the right decision to deny it.

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Thank you,  
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I have been in the healthcare field for 42 years with first starting at St. Mary Hospital in 1979 located right down the street from Blessing Hospital. In 1993, a decision was made that the community our size did not need 2 hospitals, so in the spring of 1993, St. Mary Hospital merged with Blessing Hospital and has been going strong ever since. Please do not allow this project for another hospital to be built by Quincy Medical Group.

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Thank you,  
Elaine Lochman  
Blessing Hospital  
Quincy, Illinois 62305

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Blessing hospital provides ample care for our community and surrounding areas. Quincy already has enough hospital beds and emergency room services. We simply do not need another hospital, and building one would just be a waste of money and resources.

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Thank you,  
Mark Mount  
Blessing Physician Services  
Quincy, IL 62305