

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: 3-31-2022 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

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Sincerely,

Signature: Vicki H. Blackwell

Printed Name: Vicki H. Blackwell

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TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
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RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

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Sincerely,

Signature: Lynda Happel

Printed Name: LYNDA HAPPEL

4/1/2022

Katie Logan

1114 Adams St

Quincy, IL

62301

Dear Debra Savage,

I would formally like to **oppose** the idea of adding another hospital to Quincy, IL.

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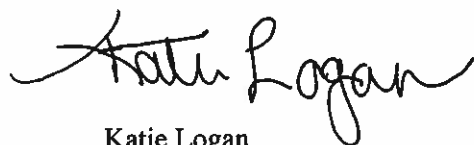
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Thank you for your time,

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Katie Logan

4/1/2022

Maiya Sorrels

313 E Main St

Plainville, IL

62365

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Maiya Sorrels

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: April 1, 2022 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

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- ☒ Some Quincy residents are driving to Hannibal, Mo to get assistance at their hospital.

Additional Comments: Need better service for emergency care. A wait of over 3 hours to see a Doctor is not very helpful when you are sick.

Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #20-244.

Sincerely,

Signature: Janet S Landwehr

Printed Name: Janet S Landwehr

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: 4-3-2022 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

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☐ Provide more hospital beds for are community.

☐ In case of emergencies this will take faster care for more

Additional Comments:

Patients not having to wait up to five hours to be cared for.  
People should have a choice where to have there health  
care

Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #20-244.

Sincerely,

Signature: Michael E. Landwehr

Printed Name: MICHAEL E. LANDWEHR

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
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Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Resident of Quincy, IL



TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
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RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: 4-2-2022 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

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Signature: Dustin Hibbard

Printed Name: Dustin Hibbard

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Sincerely,

Signature: Dennis J. Mc Guire

Printed Name: Dennis J. Mc Guire

April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Quincy Medical Group Birth Center, Project #21-029  
Date: 4/4/2022

Dear Ms. Simmons,

I am writing in support of the Quincy Medical Group (QMG) Birth Center, as the benefits are abundant in providing an alternative care and delivery option for women, their newborns and support people in Quincy, Illinois. I am a mother to three children and a certified nurse practitioner in practice for 7 years; 14 years as a registered nurse. We know based on current and past statistics, maternal and postpartum care in the United States is a public health crisis with the highest maternal mortality rate among other developed countries; over half of these deaths considered preventable. Contributing factors include concerns with safe practices, high cost for services, limited access to maternal and postpartum care, and harmful social determinants of health.

Increasing numbers of women and their support people are seeking out-of-hospital births for many reasons. In Quincy, pregnant women currently have only one option for labor and delivery services at the local hospital. Pregnancy, childbirth and newborn care have been leading reasons for admission to a hospital setting nationwide in recent years, with high costs accruing as a result of unnecessary procedures and interventions involving low risk and otherwise healthy women. As an example, high numbers of unnecessary cesarean deliveries, the use of epidurals, or scheduled inductions to avoid night, weekend or holiday deliveries. This can and often results in harm or unwanted outcomes. Underuse of quality measures and standards to ensure high quality and safe care is also a critical concern. Much of this simply can be a result of the culture within a hospital setting, in addition to lack of access to health care professionals with specialized expertise and training in maternal and postpartum care.

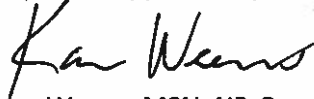
It is well documented that breastfeeding provides unparalleled benefits for mother and baby. "Baby friendly" facilities are lacking not only on a national level, but locally in the Quincy area as well. In the United States only 21.6% of babies are born in this type of facility where breastfeeding practices are emphasized and supported. The literature suggests more women intend to breastfeed to a goal of at least 6 months as many professional societies recommend, however only 24.9% of babies are exclusively breastfed up to the sixth month. Unsupportive health care practices, policies in the work place, and social issues/norms contribute to this significant dilemma.

The QMG Birth Center will be the first birth center in the region, and will be supported by OBGYNs and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs). There are currently no practicing CNMs in Quincy. The World Health Organization recommends utilizing midwives as an evidence based approach to reducing maternal mortality and improving outcomes. Birth centers supported by CNMs are intended to value women's individuality and strength, provide education while promoting and supporting personal choice, provide safe, effective, evidence-based care for women and their newborns who are considered low risk, normalize the birth experience by minimizing the use of unnecessary medical interventions, provide

therapeutic human presence throughout labor and delivery, and educate and empower mothers and their support people to actively participate in their healthcare. Shorter lengths of stay are possible as a result of allowing a more natural approach to the birth experience. Cost is kept low due to shorter stays and less medical testing, medication and intervention. Birth centers also have the capability to provide prenatal care, integrated postpartum care of mother and newborn, lactation counseling visits with International Board Certified Lactation Consultants, home visits in the postpartum period, and 24/7 access to OBGYNs and CNMs in case of emergency to ensure high quality and safe care is always provided; every time for every patient.

The QMG Birth Center will be an essential asset to the community of Quincy as an alternative care and delivery option for women, their newborns and support people; this will make a profound impact ensuring safe practices, providing cost-effective services, increasing access to prenatal, maternal and postpartum care, enhancing breastfeeding education and support, while minimizing harmful social determinants of health. Lastly, the QMG Birth Center will increase employment opportunities for our community.

I very much appreciate your time and consideration.

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Karen Weems MSN, NP-C