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Chairwoman Debra Savage
Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Quincy Medical Group Hospital – Project # 20-044; Quincy Medical Group Birth Center – Project # 21-029

Dear Chairwoman Savage and Members:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed Quincy Medical Group Birth Center and Quincy Medical Group Hospital.

I first entered public service in 2006 and currently serve as Will County's fourth Chief Executive Officer. When I served as a State Senator from 2013-2020, I focused on legislation aimed at improving public health and safety, business reforms, protection of seniors, and the expansion of services for veterans.

All Illinoisans deserve access to local, affordable healthcare. I strongly support Quincy Medical Group's mission to enhance access to affordable, high-quality healthcare to residents in West Central Illinois. I also commend Quincy Medical Group's efforts to address healthcare disparities, promote health equity, and improve maternal health outcomes.

The proposed Quincy Medical Group Hospital will provide West Central Illinois residents with a choice in where they receive hospital care and is projected to result in reduced, more affordable hospital costs in the area. The proposed Quincy Medical Group Birth Center will offer a cost-effective, alternative birthing option for women with uncomplicated, low-risk pregnancies and allow QMG to address and minimize health disparities and health inequities in maternal health.

As you review the projects, I ask that you fully consider all aspects, including how the projects are expected to enhance care delivery and provide increased access to quality, affordable healthcare to West Central Illinois residents. If you find that these projects are likely to improve access to quality, affordable healthcare, I ask that you approve the projects.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
County Executive, Will County