



EYECARE PARTNERS LLC

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 (QMG). The region is over-bedded and this community does not need a second hospital, which would only lead to diluting care and precious resources.

As a physician that cares for patients in this service area, I know first-hand the style of medicine practiced by QMG and it is often neither patient-centered, nor is it likely to lead to the transformative care they claim. In my area of ophthalmology, specifically cataract surgery, I've consulted with unhappy patients who have had cataract surgery by QMG surgeons. In my opinion, the treatment plan implemented for these patients and their subsequent poor outcomes was based on financial gain by the surgeon rather than the patient's best interest.

I am also concerned that the construction of an additional under-equipped hospital has the potential to lead to emergency care confusion, which could in turn lead to tragic outcomes. When seconds could make a difference for a stroke patient or save someone's life and only one hospital is capable of delivering life-saving care, confusion could be fatal. It is unclear from the application how QMG plans to ensure that these possibly fatal mistakes are avoided.

A second hospital in this small community, would not increase choice or quality of care, instead it would only add stress to our region's healthcare system. I encourage you to oppose Quincy Medical Group Hospital, project #20-044.

Thank you,

Joseph Gira, MD