

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. My name is David Wilkey. I'm the owner of T & D transportation, we are an independent service provider for FedEx ground, we support their small package delivery. I've been a business owner for over 20 years and I'm committed to seeing our region grow, but I don't believe we'll achieve this by adding a second, unnecessary hospital.

Our region has a strong hospital in Blessing. We do not achieve better care or faster growth by adding a second, unnecessary hospital. The middle of a pandemic is not the time to disrupt an already fragile health care system in this region or to put additional strain on the healthcare safety net.

I have seen firsthand the incredible charitable work that Blessing provides. Blessing serves everyone, regardless of their income and ability to pay. They don't turn anyone away, they never have and never will. Blessing also supports our community by investing in the region's social safety net, by supporting food and nutrition efforts and helping open a sensory room for autistic children among countless other efforts to help everyone in our community stay healthy and safe.

Blessing is a good partner to small businesses, like mine. Blessing works with businesses to support their employees by offering a competitive primary care clinic model. Blessing is always looking to find unique ways to partner with local companies to help keep our costs down while supporting our employees so they can get and stay healthy.

The proposed second 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wilkey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.