

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. I am the owner of SERVPRO of Quincy. I take very seriously my responsibility to my team and to my community and because of that I do not believe that it is our best interest to open a second hospital.

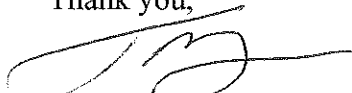
I'm proud to call Quincy home and want to see my community thrive and grow, but we should not let our desire for economic development blind our ability to do it in smart, measured ways. As a business owner, I know firsthand the importance of understanding your market and Quincy's market of 40,000 people does not support a second hospital. We do not achieve better care or growth by adding a second, unnecessary 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.

In a former life, I was a paramedic in the St. Louis area, and I've seen how minutes, sometimes seconds can be a matter of life or death. I've personally seen people with serious medical conditions, such as stroke patients, present at the wrong location for services and as a result our team would have to transport them to a larger system that could appropriately manage their condition. Why would we add a second hospital that doesn't have the capacity to treat our most vulnerable and medically acute patients? Please do not compromise our ability to receive high quality care in the name of economic development.

Blessing brings so much value to our community. Blessing invests 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 also come to the support of business owners like myself. Blessing offered a solution when we needed help creating a health and wellness program for my team. I know Blessing has also helped other businesses support the health and well-being of their staff.

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 encourage you to oppose Quincy Medical Group Hospital, project #20-044.

Thank you,



Tim Maguire