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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Dear IL Health Facilities & Review Board

I am writing to express concern over Mercy Health buying Freeport Health Network. My aging father lives in Stephenson County as well as the rest of my extended family, & they utilize FHN frequently.

In my experience health systems buying other health systems leads to patient care access issues & reductions in service, not expansions.

Freeport & Stephenson County need a locally based full service health system.

The State of IL should be encouraging these independent facilities to operate as it promotes competition, choice, better patient access & jobs to that local area.

Please consider not allowing the purchase to go through.

Sincerely,

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