

February 11, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital, Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you to explain why I believe another Centegra hospital should not be built in McHenry County.

There are currently two Centegra hospitals in McHenry, one of them, NIMC in McHenry, a fair to good hospital, and Memorial in Woodstock, a poor hospital. Let me list some of things that I experienced at these hospitals with my own illnesses and my daughter-in-law's, who recently passed.

My daughter-in-law caught a MRSA infection in the ER at NIMC because she had to wait for 11 hours for a bed and there were so many patients in the ER that the beds were parked not only in designated areas, but all around the nurses' station out in the open. NIMC has some of the best nurses I've encountered and some of the worse. They are understaffed and some of their nurses are incompetent.

The only good things I have to say about Memorial in Woodstock are that they have a wonderful lab and a wonderful medical imaging department. The design of the hospital is horrible and not handicap friendly.

When I was in the ER for a kidney stone, I was told it wasn't a kidney stone and discharged. One day later, while in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on company business, I ended up in the ER again and was told it was a kidney stone. I returned to Centegra and was admitted for surgery. I waited 3 days for my surgeon that they kept telling me hadn't called back. When I called his office, I was told he was on vacation.

When my daughter-in-law was admitted to Memorial, I had to bring two of her medications from home because the pharmacist told me the hospital was cutting back and didn't keep all the meds on hand, even those these meds were normal, everyday medications that should have been kept in stock.

I could go on but my point is that Centegra needs to bring their hospitals currently in McHenry up to acceptable standards, instead of building another one. Centegra is in the business to make money like any other business. And like any other business, they are not all bad, but there is definitely room for improvement.

Until their existing hospitals are improved, I strongly urge the board not to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley or anywhere else in McHenry County.

Sincerely,



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It is also important to realize that with the emergence of health care reform, the future of healthcare will be moving away from hospital centered acute care and to an outpatient prevention model. So adding another hospital in this saturated market will not be addressing the future healthcare needs of our community.

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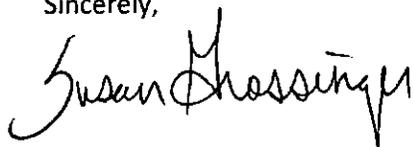
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