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February 24, 2011

Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie,

As representatives of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce and we would like to explain our opposition to the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley.

We are troubled about Centegra's proposal to add another hospital to our area because it could weaken all hospitals in the region, especially Sherman and Provena Saint Joseph. The hospital would replicate existing hospital services, albeit with a more limited scope of services, which would jeopardize the quality of our health care delivery system at a time when every dollar counts.

As you know, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board has recently approved significant capital investments in both Sherman Hospital and Provena Saint Joseph Hospital. Provena Saint Joseph Hospital was approved in 2005 for a \$100 million bed tower and renovation project, and in 2006 Sherman Hospital was approved for a \$325 million replacement hospital. Both of these projects were approved based on the promise of high quality care for the entire region, including residents of McHenry County. Both of these hospitals are fulfilling that promise, with Sherman emerging as the top health care provider in Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Algonquin.

The Centegra Certificate of Need application refers to its proposal as one to develop a "full-service" hospital. Analyzing the scope proposed, however, it is only proposing a limited service hospital providing basic care. In contrast, both Sherman Hospital and Provena Saint Joseph Hospital offer basic care as well as specialized and critical care including:

- Complex coronary care, including state-of-the-art procedural labs and operating rooms;
- Trauma care;
- Comprehensive cancer care centers with radiation oncology;
- A continuum of specialized stroke services, which bring together medical professionals, resources and technology to minimize damage caused by strokes

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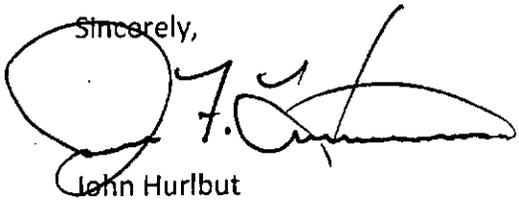
In addition, Sherman Hospital offers robotic surgery, a new center for advanced liver and pancreatic care, and has developed an affiliation with the University of Chicago Medical Center for cancer care, while Provena Saint Joseph Hospital offers inpatient rehabilitation care, behavioral health services and hyperbaric wound care.

We would also like to mention Centegra's reliance on unrealistic growth projections. Centegra's population estimates do not reflect reality. About 10 years ago northern Fox Valley communities were flooded with new housing starts, but the Great Recession limited that to a trickle.

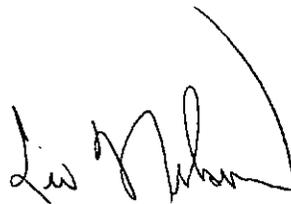
There are several subdivisions in the area that are woefully incomplete with no signs that they'll ever be built out. Our ongoing economic problems and foreclosure crisis – which has hit Huntley especially hard – are major reasons why we won't see home building growth anytime soon. We're certainly not against growth. We're just letting you know that the statistics presented by Centegra don't reflect reality.

Residents in the northern Fox Valley are well-served by Sherman and Provena Saint Joseph hospitals. These hospitals were designed with an eye toward comprehensive care for all of the residents of the region, and it makes sense for our region to focus on what's working rather than adding duplicative facilities.

Sincerely,



John Hurlbut  
Chair  
Board of Directors  
Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce



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President  
Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce

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**393 White Oak Lane**  
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February 21, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, Floor #2  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

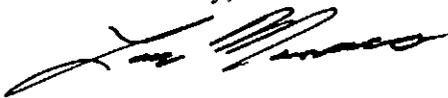
Dear Ms. Avery:

I oppose the construction of a hospital in Huntley.

There are enough hospitals providing health care in McHenry County. We do not need another hospital. Think of the cost if every community had a hospital. Sherman Hospital is already located close to Huntley. Why should we (the taxpayers, premium payers, and employers) pay for another hospital when several hospitals already serve the community? This is merely an unnecessary duplication of services.

I understand that the area is growing. But it is not growing fast enough to justify the construction of an entire new hospital. If more hospital beds are needed, add onto existing hospitals. This project is not needed and will drive up health care costs. Please deny this application.

Yours Truly,



Lou Monaco

Laura Bykowski, RD, LDN  
2304 Holmes Way  
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February 7, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson St. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a clinician practicing in the area and as someone who serves a large number of McHenry County residents, I do not agree that Centegra Hospital should build a hospital in Huntley, Illinois. I oppose the CON application for Centegra to build a hospital in Huntley, Illinois. Centegra already operates two hospitals in the county and I'm unclear as to why they need a third. I have a concern that will limit health care choices for McHenry County residents rather than increasing choice.

The construction of a new hospital in Huntley will increase health care costs to us as taxpayers and will also increase my insurance premium costs.

Sincerely,

*Laura Bykowski RD, LDN*

February 8, 2011

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm a resident of Huntley and I'm writing to oppose Centegra's application to build a new hospital in Huntley. This project represents a duplication of healthcare services already in the area. There are already three hospitals in McHenry County and additional hospitals such as Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph that serve the health needs of McHenry County. Any McHenry County resident can get at least one of these hospitals in a reasonable time so if McHenry county residents are leaving the county to seek healthcare it's by their own choice, not for lack of options. We already have enough hospitals nearby.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board to deny the Centegra proposed new hospital.

The new Sherman Hospital is very close to  
Sun City & provides any immediate hospital  
care for patients. Non-immedidete can be  
accomplished by Advocate or the other hospitals  
in the area.

Sincerely,

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Printed Name: Jacqueline Cassavoy  
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Date: Feb. 8/2011

Jacqueline Wyslak  
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February 14, 2011

Ms. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Jacqueline Wyslak and my issue is with the hospital that Centegra wants to build in Huntley. Do we really need a mini hospital when there is a full service hospital not far away? Why do we need another hospital so close to the Woodstock hospital?

This issue concerns me because Huntley does not need a hospital in the first place and so close to my house. The people that live across the street from the new hospital do not want to look out their window and see a seven story building in the way. The economy is having a rough time and it would not be right to build a hospital right now. Do we really need a mini hospital when Sherman hospital is not that far away from Huntley? Sherman's hospital is full serve hospital with advanced technology and dedication.

To resolve the problem I would appreciate if you would consider building the hospital west of Huntley, in the Hampshire area. If you were to build the hospital in the Hampshire area, that would benefit the people in that area. There is nothing in that area for those people. I see a big advantage of having a hospital in that area verses Huntley.

I look forward to hearing from you and to a resolution about building a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

*Jacqueline Wyslak*

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm a resident of McHenry County and I'm writing to oppose Centegra's application to build a new hospital in Huntley. This project represents a duplication of healthcare services already in the area. There are already three hospitals in McHenry County and additional hospitals such as Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph that serve the health needs of McHenry County. Any McHenry County resident can get at least one of these hospitals in a reasonable time so if McHenry county residents are leaving the county to seek healthcare it's by their own choice, not for lack of options. We already have enough hospitals nearby.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board to deny the Centegra proposed new hospital.

Sincerely,

Signature: Elizabeth Wagner  
Printed Name: ELIZABETH WAGNER  
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City, St, Zip: WOODSTOCK IL 60098  
Date: 2/15/11

February 8, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to oppose Centegra's application to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. This project represents a duplication of healthcare services already in the area. There are already three hospitals in McHenry County and additional hospitals such as Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman, St. Alexis and Provena St. Joseph that serve the health needs of McHenry County. Any McHenry County resident can get to at least one of these hospitals in a reasonable time so if McHenry county residents are leaving the county to seek healthcare it's by their own choice, not for lack of options. We already have enough hospitals nearby.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board to deny the Centegra proposed new hospital.

Sincerely,

Signature:



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Date:

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