

To the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for Mercy Health System's proposed Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital and Medical Center project to be located at the intersection of Route 31 and Three Oaks Road.

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I believe that Mercy's new hospital will provide:

- Better access to health care services
- Shorter emergency room wait times
- A more centralized location for health care in one of McHenry County's most densely populated areas
- A more diverse choice in health care providers

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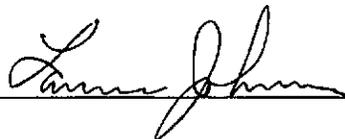
I kindly request that you approve the requested Certificate of Need for the Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital and Medical Center to expand the health care options available to local community members like myself. I believe the project is both necessary and in the best interest of our community.

Additional comments:

1. Competition makes all parties provide either better services or prices (fact of economics).
2. Centegra did not propose a new hospital until AFTER Mercy proposed a new hospital a few years ago. Mercy foresaw the need in Crystal Lake years ago.
3. Crystal Lake is the largest municipality in McHenry County and has been underserved for health care for all these years.
4. Mercy can be up and running, providing needed services and jobs quicker than what is proposed by Centegra.
5. Major roads near the proposed Mercy facility provide easier access to all of the county. (Haligus and Reed roads are not major thoroughfares.)
6. The proposed Mercy location will still be accessible from Huntley and the surrounding communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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