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Courtney Avery

525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As a RN, I oppose a new hospital in Crystal Lake.

I have also been a resident of McHenry County for more than 35 years. I feel there are enough health care facilities available in McHenry County and the surrounding counties. Now is not the time for a new hospital.

I ask that you vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Vickie Kavouras

2909 Grey Heron Court

Johnsburg, IL 60051

May 26, 2011

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I urge the Board to **deny** the application to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. There are many reasons that I oppose the construction of a new hospital.

First and foremost is that another hospital would simply be additional and unnecessary costs added to an already overly expensive health care system. The burden for these extra costs would fall on the shoulders of the tax payers, employers who provide health care benefits, and individuals as they pay their premiums. There must be a lower cost alternative to meet community needs than building an entire new hospital. This just does not make any sense.

Second, the new hospital will not provide any new services to the community. In fact the new hospital will not even provide all of the services that most of the area hospitals are already providing.

Third, the new hospital will adversely affect existing hospitals. Several area hospitals have recently invested in new facilities to better serve the patients and community. These hospitals borrowed money to fund these projects and are dependent on the patients from Huntley to generate the revenue to meet these debt obligations. I am concerned that another hospital will simply weaken the existing hospitals, reducing the capacity of the existing health care system to serve the community and patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my perspective.

Respectively,



Cheryl Conway  
128 Glenridge  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Donna Johnson  
604 Sharon Drive  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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

Re: Mercy's proposed hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I strongly oppose Mercy's proposal to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

There are already several hospitals within the region. Considering the area's population density, healthcare needs are being met and will continue to be for many years down the line. There is no need to build a new hospital in this area.

Mercy's hospital would only be duplicating services. A new hospital would leave the area's current healthcare facilities with empty beds and fewer patients, lowering their ability to provide quality, comprehensive care to patients. This would be a great disservice to the community.

Sincerely,

*Donna Johnson*

**Dona Hoffman  
1242 W. Army Trail  
Addison, IL 60101**

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

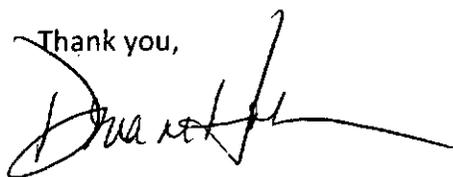
Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to Mercy's new hospital. It baffles me that this hospital was even proposed in the first place. There simply isn't a need for a new healthcare facility in the area.

In our region, we have several state-of-the-art hospitals that offer a comprehensive list of healthcare services. Mercy's proposal calls for a community hospital, one that offers the most basic healthcare services. It's unnecessary for a patient to visit this type of hospital when one of the nearby hospitals can offer more extensive care. If the patient is dealing with a critical health issue, such as a heart attack, Mercy would have to transfer the patient to a different hospital that could provide cardiovascular services. That extra step could have life-threatening consequences for patients.

I find Mercy's proposal to be irresponsible and a reckless use of funds. I urge to you vote NO on the application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dona Hoffman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeanette Wagner, RN  
3912 Wood Creek Dr.  
Island Lake, IL 60042

May 26, 2011

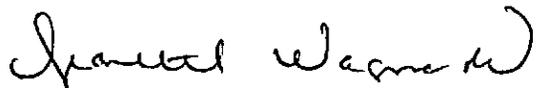
Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. All of the residents in the service area of the proposed hospital live within 30 minutes of an existing hospital and most (over 75%) live within 15 minutes of an existing hospital.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanette Wagner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed "Thank you,".

**From the Desk of:  
Donna Pacholski, RN  
402 Essex Rd.  
Fox River Grove, IL 60021**

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to the plan to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake.

It doesn't make sense to me that Mercy would be allowed to put a new facility only six miles away from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Since I live in Barrington myself, of course this is my "home" hospital. But Good Shepherd is a large facility that brings in patients from all over the region, including southeastern McHenry County.

When you live in the outlying suburbs, you expect to drive to do all of your major shopping and to reach all kinds of services. Most people who go to hospitals for tests or treatment realize they need to travel out of their own neighborhoods.

The construction of another medical center in this area would only duplicate the excellent service that Good Shepherd already offers. This is a luxury that the healthcare system and taxpayers can't afford.

I hope that you will vote "no" on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna Pacholski", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Donna Pacholski, RN

**Dennis Giles**  
**7230 Foxfire Drive**  
**Crystal Lake, IL 60012**

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to Mercy's plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake.

I chose to live in McHenry County because I wanted to be in a semi-rural setting without being too far from major services. And I'm close to hospitals and other health care services.

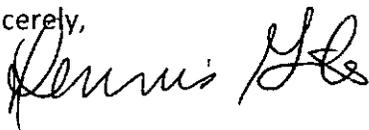
Living in the southeastern part of the county, I can pick from several great medical facilities. Residents don't face a shortage of primary care doctors or specialized care. In addition to the hospitals right in McHenry County, we are a stone's throw from Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington.

Good Shepherd not only operates a large hospital, but it also runs an immediate care center in Crystal Lake. That facility is open seven days a week for the minor illnesses and injuries that every family faces now and then.

I don't think another full-scale hospital is what McHenry County needs right now.

Please consider my opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Giles". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Dennis Giles

**FROM THE DESK OF  
KELLY CANTWELL  
164 CHAPEL AVE.  
TWIN LAKES, WI 53181**

Ms. Courtney Avery  
IHFSRB  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Il 62761

**Re: Opposition to Hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois**

Dear Ms. Avery:

While it is exciting to think about a new hospital in the area, I **oppose** the application to building a new hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois. The area is well-served by several hospitals, their physicians and their employees. Another hospital is not needed in the area. I truly believe that a new hospital is inconsistent with the prudent and rationale use of health care resources.

Sherman Hospital, St. Alexius Hospital, Provena Hospital, Good Shepherd Hospital and the Centegra Health System already provide the area with several options for hospital care. If more hospital beds are needed, it would be more cost-effective to serve more patients by expanding on an existing hospital campus rather than building an entire new hospital.

I respectfully urge the board to deny the application to build a hospital in McHenry County.

Regards,

*Kelly Cantwell*

Donna Linsner  
1063 Holly Circle  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

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

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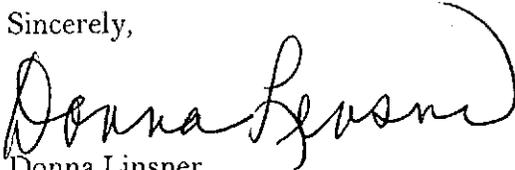
I am opposed to the plan to build Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

The towns in this area already have several major medical facilities nearby, and are suffering the effects of the economy at this point. Another hospital would further exacerbate this. Although technically it's located in Lake County, Good Shepherd serves many southeastern McHenry County residents. And Good Shepherd is only about six miles from the site of Mercy's proposed hospital.

Building another hospital now would mean that the residents would be divided up among the two facilities. I fear that would make both hospitals losers because they wouldn't have the patient population they need to buy the latest equipment and to staff specialties that are needed by a small group of patients.

I feel fortunate to live in an area that offers good choices for medical care and want to keep it that way. I hope you agree, and vote against Mercy's proposal.

Sincerely,



Donna Linsner  
1063 Holly Circle  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm against the plans to build a new Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

Thanks to the large regional medical centers operating in McHenry County and nearby, we already have easy access to most health services. I wouldn't think of going to the hospital unless I had a real emergency, so I get most of my treatment at my family physician's office. If I need to get testing done or go to a specialist, I have never had a problem being scheduled quickly at a hospital in the county or nearby at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

I just don't see the need for another medical facility in the Crystal Lake area.

Thank you for considering these points.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Penny Schultz, RTR  
7351 Meadowshire Lane  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Linnea Mason  
23180 W. Miller Rd.  
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

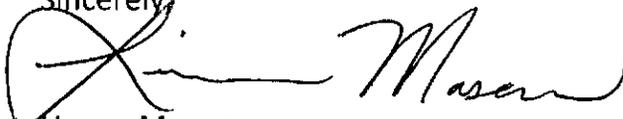
Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to Mercy's plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake because we have sufficient healthcare facilities in the area and I feel this would be a duplication of services.

Sincerely,



Linnea Mason

Ms. Courtney Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St. Floor #2

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Opposition to New Hospital in Crystal Lake

Dear Ms. Avery:

I urge the Board to **deny** the application to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. There are many reasons that I oppose the construction of a new hospital.

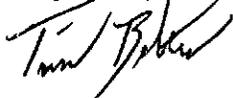
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Second, the new hospital will not provide any new services to the community. In fact the new hospital will not even provide all of the services that most of the area hospitals are already providing.

Third, the new hospital will adversely affect existing hospitals. Several area hospitals have recently invested in new facilities to better serve the patients and community. These hospitals borrowed money to fund these projects and are dependent on the patients from Crystal Lake to generate the revenue to meet these debt obligations. I am concerned that another hospital will simply weaken the existing hospitals, reducing the capacity of the existing health care system to serve the community and patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my perspective.

Respectively,



Tim Belter

1021 N. Yale Ave.

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

**Polly Lleras**  
**1341 Blue Ridge**  
**Algonquin, IL 60102**

May 26, 2011

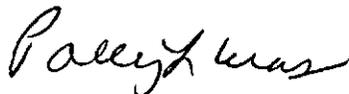
Courtney Avery,  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. There is not a need for that many hospitals in this area and would only hurt the people that are being served by the current hospitals.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly Lleras".

Polly Lleras

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to Mercy's plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake.

I've live in McHenry County all my life because I wanted to be in a semi-rural setting without being too far from major services. And I'm close to hospitals and other health care services.

Living in the southeastern part of the county, I can pick from several great medical facilities. Residents don't face a shortage of primary care doctors or specialized care. In addition to the hospitals right in McHenry County, we are a stone's throw from Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington.

Good Shepherd not only operates a large hospital, but it also runs an immediate care center in Crystal Lake. That facility is open seven days a week for the minor illnesses and injuries that every family faces now and then.

As a resident of Crystal Lake and a RN, I don't think another full-scale hospital is what McHenry County needs right now.

Please consider my opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,



Lori Pinzon  
4012 Church Hill Lane  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Karen O'Connor, RN  
1489 Windflower Crt.  
Greyslake, IL 60030-3514

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Karen O'Connor, RN

Mary Jo Olszewski  
2107 Aspen Drive  
Woodstock, IL 60098

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

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Please consider my opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Jo Olszewski

May 25, 2011

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed To Mercy Hospital because I feel there is no need for a duplication of services.

I hope that you will vote "no" on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Giampa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jeanne Giampa, PT  
25700 N. Oak Court  
Barrington, IL 60010

**Jo A. Sheehan**  
**103 S. Yale Ave**  
**Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to Mercy's plans to build a new hospital. There simply isn't a need for a new healthcare facility in the area.

Most of the residents of the proposed hospital service area live closer to an existing hospital than to the site of the proposed hospital.

In our region, we have several state-of-the-art hospitals that offer a comprehensive list of healthcare services and I feel this is a huge waste of money.

I urge to you vote NO on the application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo A. Sheehan RW". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

Gina Dusza  
813 Norge Pkwy  
Fox River Grove, IL 60021

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am opposed to the plan to build Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

The towns in this area already have several major medical facilities nearby, including Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Although technically it's located in Lake County, Good Shepherd serves many southeastern McHenry County residents. And Good Shepherd is only about six miles from the site of Mercy's proposed hospital.

Building another hospital now would mean that the residents would be divided up among the two facilities. I fear that would make both hospitals losers because they wouldn't have the patient population they need to buy the latest equipment and to staff specialties that are needed by a small group of patients.

I feel fortunate to live in an area that offers good choices for medical care and want to keep it that way. I hope you agree, and vote against Mercy's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Dusza". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

**J. Myers  
7N077 Gary Circle  
St. Charles, IL 60175**

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

**Dear Ms. Avery**

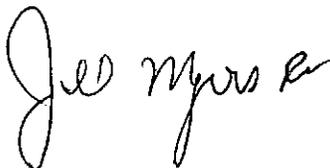
**I am opposed to the building of a new hospital in Crystal Lake due to the costs that it represents to the State of Illinois, Medicare, employers and the communities it intends to serve.**

**Adding on to an existing hospital is a more reasonable and cost effective approach to expand health care services. Constructing a new hospital will merely duplicate existing resources, infrastructure and services that are already provided in the community.**

**While it might be considered desirable by some to have a new hospital, I consider a new hospital to be an unnecessary cost. Those who consider a new hospital to be a good idea may not realize that we (as individual premium-payers, taxpayers and employers) will bear the costs of the additional hospital.**

**A new hospital will compete with the existing hospitals for the same patients, weakening the hospitals already serving our communities. We do not need more hospitals; we need to protect and strengthen the hospitals already serving our communities.**

**Sincerely,**



**J. Myers**

From the desk of Terry Ward  
122 Harbor Dr.  
Lake Barrington, IL 60010

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

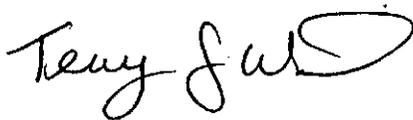
Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to the plan to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. I worry the existing hospitals would lose patients and the need for more facilities just isn't there.

The construction of another medical center in this area would only duplicate the excellent service that the existing hospitals already offer. This is a luxury that the healthcare system and taxpayers can't afford.

I hope that you will vote "no" on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Ward". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Terry Ward".

**Cathy Scanlon**  
**1899 Burton Drive**  
**Bartlett, IL 60103**

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

RE: Opposed to Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a resident of Cook County, I oppose the plan to build a new Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake. I am a healthcare recruiter and I feel a duplication of services would just be stealing staff from each facility. Building a new hospital would cause a shortage of nurses and other healthcare professionals

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Scanlon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Cathy Scanlon

**From the Desk of Maria Lizon  
475 Miller Road  
North Barrington, IL 60010**

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

**RE: Opposition to Mercy Health Systems**

Dear Ms. Avery:

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When you live in the outlying suburbs, you expect to drive to do all of your major shopping and to reach all kinds of services. Most people who go to hospitals for tests or treatment realize they need to travel out of their own neighborhoods.

The construction of another medical center in this area would only duplicate the excellent service that Good Shepherd already offers. This is a luxury that the healthcare system and taxpayers can't afford.

I hope that you will vote "no" on this project.

Sincerely,



Maria Lizon

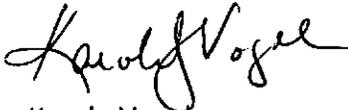
Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a risk manager, I oppose Mercy's hospital proposal because it may decrease patient volumes at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, which could affect the quality of patient care.

We also already have excellent care in this area, so I think a new hospital is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karole Vogel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Karole Vogel  
132 Hillhurst Drive  
Cary, IL 60013

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed Mercy Hospital.

I don't think this hospital makes sense because I don't want to pay for the infrastructure and I don't want my taxes to go up.

I ask you to consider voting no on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,



Robin Bordelon  
7 Raxburg Court  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm against the plans to build a new Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

Thanks to the large regional medical centers operating in McHenry County and nearby, we already have easy access to most health services. I wouldn't think of going to the hospital unless I had a real emergency, so I get most of my treatment at my family physician's office. If I need to get testing done or go to a specialist, I have never had a problem being scheduled quickly at a hospital in the county or nearby at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

Building more hospitals while the population is steady doesn't make sense to me. I just don't see the need for another medical facility in the Crystal Lake area.

Thank you for considering these points.

Sincerely,



Lynda Swearingen, RN  
501 Old Country Way  
Wauconda, IL 60084

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in opposition to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake.

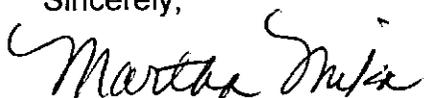
As a resident of Algonquin, I've heard a lot about this new hospital, and I'm sick of it. I think the focus should be on what this community really needs – full-time, long-term jobs. I've read that part of the plan is to create 800 construction jobs. That's all well and good, but those are temporary jobs.

Obviously, I've never built a hospital, but I can't imagine that 800 people will be on site every day throughout the length of the project. When I've done small construction projects around the house, it seems as though I had different people in the house every day.

Finally, I don't think it's possible that 1,100 new associates will be hired once construction is complete. From what I understand, there's already a shortage of nurses in McHenry County and physicians would rather work in Chicago than out in the suburbs. Where will they get the people to fill these alleged new positions?

Because my community needs new full-time, long-term jobs, I urge the Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,



Martha Mika  
2181 Cumberland Parkway  
Algonquin, IL 60102

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

RE: Opposition to Crystal Lake Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I want to express my opposition to plans to build new hospitals in Crystal Lake and Huntley.

Good Shepherd's great reputation in the area is the result of 25 years of hard work, and the services just keep getting better. For example, in the last few years, the hospital has upgraded several areas including the emergency department.

The relationships that staff and patients have built up are irreplaceable. I would shudder to think of another facility driving a wedge in those bonds. Good Shepherd has been a good neighbor to southeastern McHenry County.

In addition to Good Shepherd, which I use, I know the hospitals in Elgin, Woodstock, Hoffman Estates and McHenry also are available to county residents.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Regards,



Nancy Karijovich  
1844 Lancaster Court  
Schaumburg, IL 60194

Robin K. Roth  
28255 Gray Barn Lane  
Lake Barrington, IL 60010

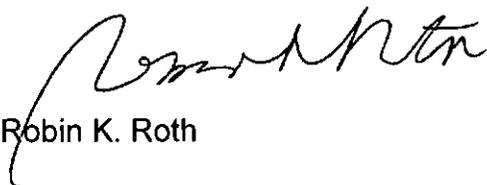
Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposed to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery

As a 13 year resident of Lake Barrington, I'm opposed to Mercy's plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake because this is a duplication of services. The hospitals already have the capacity to handle the patients now and this would only increase healthcare costs.

Sincerely,



Robin K. Roth

315 Hill St.  
Unit D  
Wauconda, IL 60084

May 26, 2011

Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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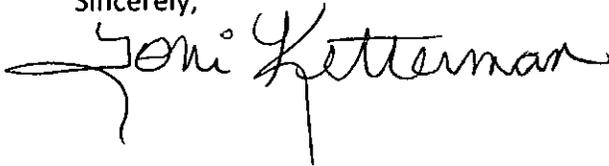
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Good Shepherd not only operates a large hospital, but it also runs an immediate care center in Crystal Lake. That facility is open seven days a week for the minor illnesses and injuries that every family faces now and then.

I don't think another full-scale hospital is what McHenry County needs right now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Goni Ketterman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

**Todd Savoie**  
**314 Park Ave.**  
**Cary, IL 60013**

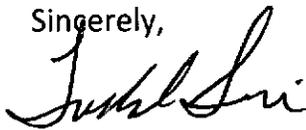
Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to Mercy's plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake because we have sufficient healthcare facilities in the area and I feel this would be a duplication of services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Todd Savoie".

Todd Savoie

Sharon Dillon  
1546 Stockton Court  
Bartlett, IL 60103

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

RE: Opposed to Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake

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I'm against the plans to build a new Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

Thanks to the large regional medical centers operating in McHenry County and nearby, we already have easy access to most health services. I wouldn't think of going to the hospital unless I had a real emergency, so I get most of my treatment at my family physician's office. If I need to get testing done or go to a specialist, I have never had a problem being scheduled quickly at a hospital in the county or nearby at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

Building more hospitals while the population is steady or even falling doesn't make sense to me. I just don't see the need for another medical facility in the Crystal Lake area.

Thank you for considering these points.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Dillon

**Clarissa Turnipseed**  
**34146 White Oak Lane**  
**Gurnee, IL 60031**

May 26, 2011

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

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I am opposed to the plan to build Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

The towns in this area already have several hospitals nearby, including Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. This would be a duplication of services and is not needed.

Building another hospital now would mean that the residents would be split up among all the facilities. I fear that would make both hospitals losers because they wouldn't have the patient population they need to buy the latest equipment and to staff specialties that are needed by a small group of patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clarissa Turnipseed". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Clarissa Turnipseed".

Gwen Wilke  
1143 Pegwood Dr.  
Elgin, IL 60120

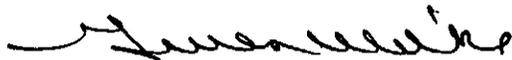
Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I don't believe there is a need for a new hospital because there is a duplication of services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwen Wilke", written in a cursive style.

Gwen Wilke

**Stephanie Hock  
7046 Bentley Dr.  
Gurnee, IL 60031**

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

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I hope you agree, and vote against Mercy's proposal.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Hock*

**Sylvia Barone, RN, BSN**  
**21615 Harbor Rd.**  
**Barrington, IL 60010**

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

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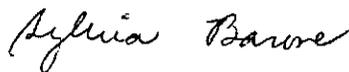
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When you live in the outlying suburbs, you expect to drive to do all of your major shopping and to reach all kinds of services. Most people who go to hospitals for tests or treatment realize they need to travel out of their own neighborhoods.

The construction of another medical center in this area would only duplicate the excellent service that Good Shepherd already offers. This is a luxury that the healthcare system and taxpayers can't afford.

I hope that you will vote "no" on this project.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Barone, RN, BSN

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to oppose Mercy's plans to build a new hospital.

I have heard much about this proposed hospital and I understand that all of the residents in the service area of the proposed hospital live within 30 minutes of an existing hospital and most live within 15 minutes of an existing hospital.

This travel time seems reasonable to me and I know that it is well within the state planning guidelines. And, considering that half of the McHenry County residents travel 30 minutes or more on a regular basis to work.

Most of the residents of the proposed hospital service area live closer to an existing hospital than to the site of the proposed hospital. Many residents in the proposed hospital service area will actually bypass an existing hospital when traveling from their homes to the site of the proposed hospital.

Thank you for your consideration,



Vickie Birch  
1211 Fieldstone Drive  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Courtney Avery  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

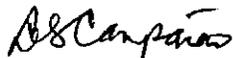
Dear Ms. Avery,

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed Mercy hospital.

Because of its vicinity to Advocate Good Shepherd, I don't think we need another hospital.

Good Shepherd serves this community very well. Plus, the services Mercy is proposing would duplicate services already available at Good Shepherd and other nearby hospitals.

Thank you for your consideration,



Rev. Digna Campanano  
2650 Carriage Court  
Aurora, IL 60504

Raju Bharaj  
270 Marion Drive  
Cary, IL 60013

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

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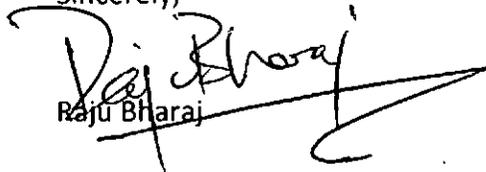
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Please consider my opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Raju Bharaj

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525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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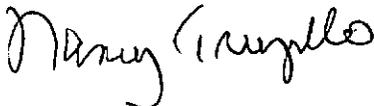
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Thank you for considering these points.

Sincerely,



Nancy Trujillo  
895 W. Goodrich Place  
Palatine, IL 60007

**Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator**

**Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board**

**525 W. Jefferson , 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Springfield, Illinois 62761**

**Dear Ms. Avery:**

**I oppose the construction of the new hospital by Mercy Health System in Crystal Lake. The area already has several nearby hospitals. The communities are already well-served by hospitals as well s outpatients clinics, surgicenters, immediate care centers, etc. Most residents already live within 15 minutes of an existing hospital. The construction of a new hospital will only drive up the already high health care costs. This new hospital will not even be providing any services not already provided by the area hospitals.**

**If the Board's role is to limit unnecessary health care costs, then this is a prime opportunity for the Board to fulfill its role and commitment to the people of Illinois. The Board should deny this application.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kelly Walker**   
**2309 Riverview Ave.**

**Fox River Grove, IL 60021**

Alexia Spizzirri  
4506 N. Oak St.  
Norridge, IL 60706

May 26, 2011

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

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. I don't believe the current hospitals are at capacity as it is and this hospital is unnecessary.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spizzirri". Below the name, there are some initials or a small flourish that appears to be "X L".

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

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I feel fortunate to live in an area that offers good choices for medical care and want to keep it that way. I hope you agree, and vote against Mercy's proposal.

Sincerely,



Chuck Malik  
597 Cary Woods Circle  
Cary, IL 60013

M. Faye Redmond, RN, BSN  
336 N. Schubert St.  
Palatine, IL 60067

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

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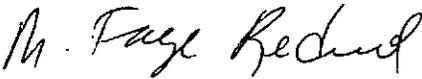
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M. Faye Redmond, RN, BSN

**Arlene Tribble**  
**508 W. Ringwood Rd.**  
**McHenry, IL 60051**

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

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I hope that you will vote "no" on this project.

Sincerely,



Arlene Tribble  
508 W. Ringwood Rd.  
McHenry, IL 60051

Courtney Avery  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Oppose Crystal Lake**

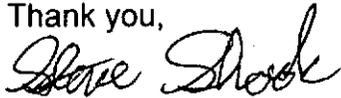
Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed hospital in Crystal Lake.

I believe that Advocate Good Shepherd and other area hospitals already provide the necessary health care services.

I ask that you vote to deny this proposal.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Shook".

Steve Shook  
4N810 White Pine Lane  
St. Charles, IL 60175

Ms. Courtney Avery

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson

Springfield, Il 62761

Subject: Opposition to New Hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois

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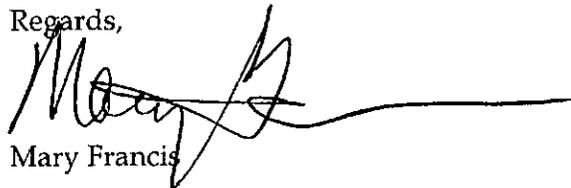
I oppose the construction of a new hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois. The new hospital will hurt existing hospitals by drawing away volume, which will adversely affect quality.

There are several hospitals already serving the area. Another hospital is not needed. If additional hospital resources are needed to serve the area, then it is more fiscally prudent to invest in hospitals which already have the infrastructure in place to avoid unnecessary duplication.

In these extraordinarily challenging fiscal times, the construction of another hospital is inappropriate.

I respectfully request that the Board deny the application by Mercy to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Francis", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary Francis

2014 Jeffrey Lane

Elgin, IL 60123

**From the Desk of Patrick Burns**  
**741 E. Constitution Drive, Apt. 6**  
**Palatine, IL 60075**

May 25, 2011

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

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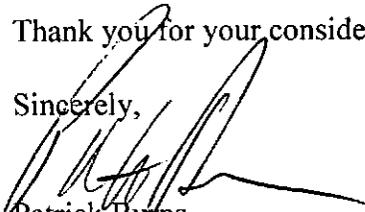
When I need to get medical care, my first stop is my family physician. Whether I call on the phone or visit in person, the doctor and his staff are there to either treat me or advise me about where I should go for more specialized care.

I have great doctors near my home and plenty of immediate care centers to choose from if I need to see a doctor on the weekend. This is a system that is working well in southeastern McHenry County, and so I don't see a need for another hospital.

Another huge facility that would be located so close to Advocate Good Shepherd seems wasteful to me. I hope that you won't force taxpayers to pay the increased costs of a new hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick Burns

**Sue Cahill-Johnson  
26271 W. Merton Road  
Barrington, IL 60010**

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed hospital in Crystal Lake.

I feel that we have enough beds in this area and have adequate access to high-quality health care resources.

I hope you will vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Cahill-Johnson".

Sue Cahill-Johnson

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
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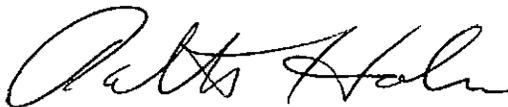
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patti Holmes".

Patti Holmes  
28970 Kristy  
Cary, IL 60013

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Springfield, IL 62761

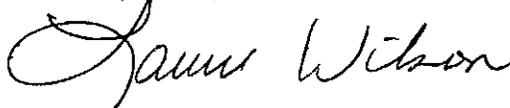
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to oppose the plan for Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital.

As a resident of Lake in the Hills, I have plenty of choices when I need to get medical care. I go to my physician's office when I have a mild illness, and if I get sick on the weekend I usually go to an immediate care center. If I have a serious illness, I know that I can easily get to Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington.

I don't think another full-fledged hospital is needed in my area. My neighbors know that taking care of small health problems before they reach the crisis stage is the way to get better care. That means fewer people are going to the hospital these days. Let's encourage the public to use the resources that are already here instead of adding even more healthcare costs.

Thank you for your consideration,



Laurie Wilson  
8 Baronet Court  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am opposed to the building of a new hospital in Crystal Lake due to the costs that it represents to the State of Illinois, Medicare, employers and the communities it intends to serve.

Adding on to an existing hospital is a more reasonable and cost effective approach to expand health care services. Constructing a new hospital will merely duplicate existing resources, infrastructure and services that are already provided in the community.

While it might be considered desirable by some to have a new hospital, I consider a new hospital to be an unnecessary cost. Those who consider a new hospital to be a good idea may not realize that we (as individual premium-payers, taxpayers and employers) will bear the costs of the additional hospital.

A new hospital will compete with the existing hospitals for the same patients, weakening the hospitals already serving our communities. We do not need more hospitals; we need to protect and strengthen the hospitals already serving our communities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Llamas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Jean Llamas  
9692 Baumgartner St.  
Huntley, IL 60142