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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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To the Review Board,

I'm writing to you in Support of the Mercy Health Systems plan to build a hospital in Crystal Lake.

I have been a Crystal Lake resident since 1968 and have seen many changes to the area. What I have not seen over the years, is better access to a hospital.

Years ago when Sherman Hospital system first opened the Ambulatory facility on Rt. 31 north of town, I thought the plan was to eventually turn it into a full hospital. The town, surrounding area population & traffic have grown considerably since 1968. Yet, Still no hospital in town!

Crystal Lake should have had a hospital years ago! The other local hospital systems seemed to have only opened immediate (not full emergency) care centers in town after Mercy originally requested & received approval years ago for a Crystal Lake hospital.

If you have ever been to Crystal Lake, you would know that it can take half an hour just to get across town. Crystal Lake needs full emergency care which is only precious minutes, not towns away!

I hope you will approve Mercy's plan for a Crystal Lake Hospital, it sounds like a shovel ready project which would be a great benefit to the entire community!

Sincerely,


Judy Evertsen