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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Re: Opposition to Project #15-038; #15-039; #15-040

Dear Ms. Avery,

I write this in opposition to MercyRockford's plans for a new hospital on the East Side. For all the talk about how the new facility would provide state-of-the-art healthcare, it won't provide new services for Rockford residents.

MercyRockford wants to move some of the services it currently provides at Rockford Memorial Hospital to its proposed new hospital. I cannot see how that would be beneficial for residents currently served by Rockford Memorial Hospital or how simply moving some services does anything more than duplicate the services MercyRockford currently provides.

Duplicated healthcare services raise costs that would fall on the shoulders of taxpayers and removing potentially life-saving care from Rockford residents who already have difficulty accessing health care is just wrong.

I strongly believe that hospitals should be built based only on need, not want.

I respectfully request that the Board vote no on MercyRockford's Certificate of Need application.

Regards,



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