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April 5, 2017

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

Re: Opposition to CON project #17-002, Mercy Hospital Crystal Lake

Dear Ms. Avery:

I oppose the construction of the micro hospital in Crystal Lake. I am a 30-year resident of Cary, located adjacent to Crystal Lake.

Our area has many good hospitals, wonderful physicians and even several immediate care centers. Our area has good access to hospital and medical services. Another hospital is just not needed.

This proposed project, totaling $120 M for the hospital and the MOB, is very expensive. This high cost is particularly excessive considering the very limited services that the proposed hospital will offer. These funds could be better used to build programs and services.

As health care costs and premiums are rising, we need to be prudent. Please do not approve project 17-002, the construction of a hospital in Crystal Lake.

Regards,

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

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April 7, 2017

Re: *Opposition to the Mercy Hospital - Crystal Lake, CON #17002*

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a long time resident of Crystal Lake; I oppose the construction of the proposed micro hospital in Crystal Lake by the Mercy Health System

I am concerned that if I have a medical emergency that I might be brought to this small hospital, which will have limited equipment and services. There are many full service hospitals in the area. Centegra has three hospitals in the area (Woodstock, McHenry and Huntley) and Advocate has Good Shepherd, located in the next town just east of Crystal Lake.

I do not agree with spending money on this small hospital, when there are already other hospitals close by. I'd rather see the money spent on a well-needed behavioral health facility. This is what the area is missing.

Sincerely Yours,

Janet Terrana

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Kathy Olson, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing as the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Elgin, a historic church found by a group of ex-slaves in 1866 and also member of the Advocate Sherman Hospital Board of Directors and member of the Advocate Corporate Board, and many community boards including the United Way and Judson University.

The proposed hospital does not provide any new services and only duplicates services that are offered at other nearby hospitals.

As an example, the application justifies the project by stating that it will offer chronic care services. This is nothing new; most area hospitals provide chronic care services. In fact, a hospital is not even needed to provide outpatient chronic care services; these could be offered in the current Mercy physician practices right now.

Mercy states that this project will enhance access to care for the residents of Crystal Lake. I concur that access is important. However, there are four, full service hospitals nearby already providing a full range of care. Public transportation is available to Crystal Lake residents. Even better for the patients is that the area hospitals offer free transportation to the hospitals at no cost or at a discounted rate.

The CON application indicates that construction of the new hospital in Crystal Lake will redirect beds and resources from Mercy-Harvard to Crystal Lake. Harvard is a distance from other hospitals and has a challenged population. The population has a high rate of poverty, high rate of Hispanic people who do not speak English as their primary language, and low rates college education. I am concerned about the impact of reduced resources for the Harvard community.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to this project. Please vote to deny the application of Mercy to build a Hospital in Crystal Lake.

Yours,

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel L. Edmond