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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761
Re: Opposition to Proposed New Mercy Hospital In Crystal Lake, CON #17002

Ms Olsen

As a representative of an organization that serves seniors who are among the highest utilizers of hospital services, I want to express my **opposition** to the construction of a 13 bed hospital in Crystal Lake. The area is already well-served by hospitals. Four full service hospitals are located within 20 minutes of the proposed site. There are also two immediate care centers within just four minutes of the planned Mercy Crystal sites.

I understand that one of the rationale for the new hospital is to provide access. The area hospitals already provide door-to-door transportation service. In fact, Good Shepherd Hospital provides this transportation service free of charge.

I am concerned that this proposed small hospital with only limited services will cause undue confusion to the area's seniors and the ambulances. When emergencies such as heart attack or stroke arise in Crystal Lake, will this small hospital be able to take care of these patients? The seniors in our area are accustomed to going to the nearest community hospital for care and expecting a full range of services to be available. I understand that this proposed hospital will simply observe or triage and then transport many of the emergency patients to other area hospitals. I am concerned that this delay in care will risk the patient care. Transferring seniors will only cause unnecessary cost and stress to our area's seniors, who can be easily confused in medical situations.

Thank you for the opportunity to oppose the construction of a new 13 bed hospital in Crystal Lake.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Larson

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Ms. Kathryn Olson

Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson St., Second Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Olson:

Re: Opposition to CON #17002

I **OPPOSE** Mercy's plans to build an unnecessary hospital in Crystal Lake. This hospital will not provide any services not already available in the area.

A small micro hospital is not needed when there are several full service hospitals nearby. I would not want my family members to be taken to this small hospital, with only a narrow range of services, when a full service hospital is nearby.

Please deny the application to build another hospital.

Sincerely, William Parks

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Jason Jahnke

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April 19, 2017

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, Il 62761

Re: Opposition to Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital Project # 17-002

Dear Ms. Olson:

I oppose the CON # 17-002, the construction of a new micro hospital in Crystal Lake. I am a resident of Crystal Lake. I see no need for this hospital. There are already several fine hospitals nearby.

I do not see the value in a small, limited service hospital, when other full service hospitals are located just a few minutes drive further than the proposed site. It seems that this micro hospital will function to observe and triage most patients to be sent on to full service hospitals. I do not see any value in this function.

Please vote to deny this Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital project.

Sincerely,

Jason Jahnke

Crystal Lake Resident