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

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

This letter is intended to express my strong opposition to the proposed hospital in Crystal Lake. While it is always nice to think about having a medical facility close by in case of emergency, this can be very expensive. Every community does not need a hospital, particularly in this era of higher and higher costs. These increasingly higher costs translate into higher premiums and out of pocket costs for us as community residents and patients.

According to my neighbors, the new Huntley hospital can still take more patients.

Please share my opinion with the other members of the CON board.

Very Truly Yours,

Jody Hagestedt

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Subject: Opposition to Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake

Dear Ms. Kathryn Olson:

This letter is written to share my opposition to the construction of a hospital in Crystal Lake. I find this project to be unnecessary. A small hospital is not needed when there are several easily accessible hospitals in nearby communities: McHenry, Barrington, and Woodstock. There is even a brand new hospital recently completed in Huntley. I do not see the need and the associated cost for a second new hospital to be built.

I respectfully recommend that the Board deny this project.

Sincerely,

Joan Grossman

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Re: Opposition to Proposed New Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake, Project # 17-002

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to oppose the application submitted by Mercy Hospital to build a new micro hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois, As a resident of the area for the past eight years, I can attest to the fact that there are already several nearby hospitals, including Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Centegra McHenry, Centegra Woodstock and Centegra Huntley. Our areas residents have a full range of medical services easily access to meet our needs.

The construction of another hospital will add unnecessary cost and will duplicate existing services.

. Please vote to oppose the construction of this new hospital.

Sincerely,

Ms. Holly Kurpius

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Dear Ms. Olson,

Opposition to Proposed Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake, Project # 17-002

I am concerned about building another hospital in Crystal Lake. This new, very costly hospital will not provide any services not provided in our area. In fact, this new micro hospital will not even provide many of the services already provided at the existing hospitals. The new hospital with only 13 beds will be challenged to provide the specialty care and specialty staff offered at other area hospitals, due to low volumes.

There are already three hospitals in the area. We cannot afford another hospital. These additional costs will only be passed onto us, the patients.

Please do not vote for this unnecessary project.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Ms. Olson:

Re: **Opposition to Project # 17-002**, construction of a new micro hospital in Crystal Lake

I am writing as a past Chairman of the McHenry County Board (from 2004-2012), a current member of the Metra Board of Directors, Member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Greater McHenry County, founding member and past chair of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation and a member of the Sherman Hospital Board.

I have a particular interest in and comprehensive knowledge of transportation in McHenry County. As a member of the McHenry County Board, I served on the Transportation and Planning & Development committees, and I now serve on the Metra Board.

I understand that one of the justifications for this new hospital in Crystal Lake is to enhance access to a hospital for the residents of Crystal Lake. The Mercy CON application implies that Crystal Lake residents are challenged to travel to hospitals outside Crystal Lake. I know from my leadership roles in McHenry County transportation and the Metra Board that Crystal Lake residents have excellent access and a solid transportation system. Public transportation system is available in McHenry County with McRide and township bus services. Further all of the area hospital provide van service for patients either free of any cost to the patient, or at a discounted rate.

I understand that Mercy is proposing to transfer some of the beds from its Harvard Hospital to Crystal Lake, reducing resources to meet the needs in Harvard, a very vulnerable population. More than one-quarter of the Harvard residents live in poverty, the population is declining, less than 10% of the residents over the age of 25 yrs. have a bachelor's degree of higher, and almost half do not use English as their primary language.

As a 54 year resident of McHenry County and past chairman of the McHenry County Board, I urge you to deny this unnecessary project, #17-002. Please vote to **oppose** the construction of this unnecessary new hospital.

Sincerely,

Chairman Kenneth D. Koehler

McHenry County Board – Retired (2004-2012)

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Regarding: OPPOSING Project #17-002, Crystal Lake Micro-Hospital

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing this letter to OPPOSE Mercy's plan to build a micro-hospital in Crystal Lake. This does not make any sense.

I am particularly concerned about the limited resources available to emergency patients. The existing area hospitals have the specialty resources to care for a heart attack and a stroke. This is not the case with the proposed Mercy Micro-Hospital. Mercy talks about the micro-hospital's role to observe and transfer patients as needed. This just adds cost and stress in an already challenging medical situation. I would not want to be taken to a micro-hospital in a major emergency situation. And if I have only a minor emergency, I would go to one of the several urgent care center, which is much less expensive. I have a much lower out of pocket cost by using an urgent care center rather than an emergency department.

Thank you for the privilege to express my opposition to Mercy's certificate of need application to build a micro-hospital in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Cordially,

Kelly Blair

Kelly Blair, resident

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Re: Objecting to the Crystal Lake Hospital

Dear Ms. Kathryn Olson:

I am writing to object to the construction of a hospital in Crystal Lake. Another hospital is not needed. There are three nearby hospitals, one in Woodstock, one in McHenry and one in Barrington. The area also has several urgent care centers, for minor medical problems.

I understand that Mercy is proposing a micro hospital, with only 13 beds. With all of these other full service hospitals nearby, I do not understand why someone would want to use a small hospital with incomplete service offering.

It is my hope that the Board will agree that this project is not needed, and is an unnecessary cost. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Yours

Mary Roesch

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