

August 29, 2018

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761
RE: Project 18-018 Silver Cross Hospital

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as documentation from Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale and Amita Health Adventist Medical Center LaGrange of their opposition to the establishment of another open heart surgery program in the southwest suburbs, as is being proposed by Silver Cross Hospital.

There is absolutely no need for another such program.

As an indication of more than adequate access to an open heart surgery program, please consider that each of the following area hospitals are already providing the service:

- Saint Joseph Medical Center, Joliet
- Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee
- Edward Hospital, Naperville
- Franciscan St. James Health, Olympia Fields
- Adventist Medical Center, Hinsdale
- Adventist Medical Center, LaGrange
- Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove
- Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood
- Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn
- MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn
- Palos Community Hospital, Palos Heights

The establishment of yet another open heart surgery program will do little more than dilute the already-approved programs.

Sincerely,



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