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Ms Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Ill Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center
in Quincy IL.

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Diana Rush. I am the Nurse Manager for the
OR/CVOR @ the main Blessing Hospital campus. I am writing to express my
opposition to this CON 18-042.

I believe that BH & its surgery center currently provides
excellent quality surgical care & the potential building of this
surgery center will be a duplication of services. It will impact
Blessing Health system - not only the revenue but the staff who
work there. Also the competition will actually drive the cost of
health care up for our patients.

Nationally we currently have a nursing shortage & this will
also dilute the nursing pool related to surgical care. I don't
believe the capital outlay to furnish 5 operating rooms in one
plus other services is astronomical & not a smart financial decision.

Our current operating room utilization demonstrates we have
capabilities to continue to grow - we currently are able to provide
services with dedicated overnight & weekend crew 24/7. My hope is
to continue to work with BH's leadership to grow surgical services
& improve the health of our communities.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities & Services
Review Board deny CON 18-042 application by name of Quincy
Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration
Respectfully.... Diana J. Rush, RN, Nurse Manager OR/CVOR