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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to voice my opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy Illinois.

I am very concerned with the impact this will have on our community. I feel this proposal is a duplication of services that are already adequately available within our community, however remain to be underutilized.

I fear the endeavor to add these additional services to our community would end up creating a higher costs for all consumers, and given the fact of the underutilization of available services we currently have, how would this benefit the patients of our region. This appears to be merely pulling resources from one place and sending to another with profit over quality patient care and outcomes in mind.

I am also concerned about the loss of revenue this would create for Blessing Hospital. Blessing Health System has always been the "safety net" for our communities' most vulnerable members. Blessing Health Systems has a proven record of support for many community programs that help meet the needs of these individuals though it's outstanding community benefit initiatives. I fear these programs would be in jeopardy if Blessing Health System could no longer provide the much needed support. These programs are extremely important for our community and imperative for the families and individuals who depend on them.

I would like to ask for your consideration of these concerns and vote in favor of our community and against CON 18-042. It is so important to those who depend on the availability of affordable quality healthcare, as well as for our community members who depend on these life sustaining support programs.

The need is great and I truly fear this request will create a negative impact this community cannot withstand.

Thank you for your consideration,

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