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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

RE: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincey Medical Group
Surgery Center in Quincey, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

Thank you for your attention to this opposition statement.
I am currently the Experience Manager, Blessing Corporate
Services, a part of Blessing Health System. I am strongly
opposed to the referenced CON 18-042.

As an employee of Blessing for over 14 years in a variety
of roles, I am proud to be a part of a healthcare
organization with a mission to improve the health of
our communities by specifically providing necessary care
and resources to those who would not be able to access
vital care. For instance, the behavioral healthcare Blessing
provides to those who have no means to pay. Cancer care
is also provided at very low reimbursement to patients
rejected by their inability to pay more by other providers.
Blessing does this by reinvesting our dollars back into
the community as we remove waste and duplication in
all of our processes. If this CON 18-042 goes forward, it
will add so much expense for our patients and community not
with at least 110% of any profits leaving our community not
invested in needed healthcare. Note that Blessing provided
\$6,000,000.00 in charity care last year as well as a total of
\$62,000,000 in community benefit.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review
Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you again for your
consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle K. Kaspare