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

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I have worked at Blessing Health system for a little over a year now. I am a float receptionist for Blessing Physician Services, therefore I float to multiple different departments and facilities. Many of the doctors I work for utilize our current surgery center on QMG's campus and it works very smoothly between the two health facilities in Quincy, Illinois to work together to satisfy our mutual patients, as it has the past 10 years. Therefore, I am in opposition of this new Surgery Center wanting to be placed in the Quincy Mall.

The reason for this opposition stems from the fact that we are not in need of another surgery center. Blessing currently owns the one we have and Quincy Medical Group manages it. If there are current issues arising from Quincy Medical Group with the way the surgery center is ran now, they are the managers of it. I believe we should learn to work together to fix these issues instead of creating a whole new surgery center.

Also, this is not an ideal place to be doing surgeries. In my opinion, if I were a patient I would not want to be risking my life in the Quincy Mall. I would want to be on the grounds of a hospital or a medical facility if something were to go wrong. Quincy Medical Group attempted this in the year 2000 and it was successful for about 5 years, until Blessing bought it.

Blessing could lose approximately 400 jobs in the case of this new surgery center along with the loss of revenue that we use to support our Safety Net services and the educational services such as our Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the SIU Family Medicine Residency Program.

I hope that we can instead work together with Quincy Medical Group instead of working against them in improving the health of our community.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hayley E. Arns". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hayley E. Arns