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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Anya Thurm and I am an employee of Blessing Health System. I am also a long-time resident of Quincy, growing up in and now raising my son in this community. I am in a position where I strongly oppose CON 18-042.

Quincy Medical Group is looking to duplicate services that are already being offered to the community by Blessing Health System. Services that are so incredibly beneficial to this community are supported by the revenue generated by the Blessing Surgery Center. An example of this is in-patient behavioral medicine services that only Blessing provides. Competition within healthcare is not beneficial and adding a second surgery center will only serve to add more cost to this community.

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

Respectfully,

Anya C. Thurm

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