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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Jane McKay and I am an employee of the Blessing Health System. I am in opposition of the CON being granted to Quincy Medical Group.

Blessing is a non-for profit Health System that provides numerous services to the residents of the region. Many of the services are not profitable and the Health System relies on the profitable services to offset those. The addition of a new surgery center operated by a for-profit out of state company would certainly reduce the hospital's ability to provide at no-cost some of these key services. I have worked in health-care for many years and have seen first hand who provides services when times are tough. Several years ago the State of Illinois was paying very slowly and the for-profit company - Quincy Medical Group stopped providing services to Medicaid patients.

I ask that you consider the overall financial health of a non-for profit hospital and deny the application of Quincy Medical Groups CON for a new surgery center.

Thank you

Jane McKay