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Mrs. Courtney R. Arney

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

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

Dear Ms. Arney,

My name is Melissa Vahlkamp and I am the Nurse Manager of Non-Invasive Cardiology and Cardiac Rehab at Blessing Hospital. I am writing you to express my opposition to the above CON for Quincy Medical Group's proposed Surgery Center.

The Cardiology provider team who would be staffing the proposed center's Cardiology services currently practice in my department. By opening another Cardiology / Cath Lab service area my department would lose procedures, patient connections and ultimately revenue. My department has openings for additional tests, on a daily basis, that could be utilized at a moment's notice from QMG's Cardiology. Our hospital is a non-for-profit organization with roots grounded in Quincy. Our revenues are utilized to support our communities we serve. I fear that revenues from QMG's proposed center would leave our community as the parent organization is based outside of our service area.

I respectfully request that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 (Quincy Medical

Group's proposed Surgery and Cardiology Center) based off of the  
huge impact not only to Blessing Hospital but to my  
beloved community.

Sincerely,

Melissa Vahlkamp

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