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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, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Faith Waschenbach and I have been a receptionist for Blessing Physician Services for 9 years. I currently work at the Kahoka Medical Clinic in Kahoka Mo. I normally do not write letters, but I have concerns about the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center CON.

I do not feel like we need another surgery center in Quincy. It seems to me that this would be a duplication that is not needed. The current one is not even running at 50% so maybe the best thing would be to invest in getting those surgery numbers higher. I wish that QMG would talk and discuss issues with Blessing Health System so that together they could provide services for the community. I know that they have worked together on the Cancer Center recently. I hope that something can be worked out for the surgery center as well and just keep the one on Hampshire.

I think it will cause great confusion for patients that live out of town that do not keep up with the changes of Quincy if there were two surgery centers in Quincy. Especially since the current one is at the QMG campus. I know we, the clinic, refer a lot of patients to both Quincy Medical Group and Blessing Physician Services. I feel like we use the best option for our patients not what medical group the physician belongs to.

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

Sincerely,



Faith Waschenbach