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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

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

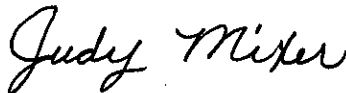
Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Judy Mixer and I am a receptionist for the General/Colorectal surgery suite at Blessing Physician Services. I am writing this letter to oppose the opening of a second surgery center in the city of Quincy, Illinois.

I attended a meeting recently on the possibility of a second surgery center opening in Quincy and was told several facts about the surgical center now in operation at 1118 Hampshire. One of the most eye-opening facts was that the current surgery center is operating at a little over 50%. How can this constitute a need when there is plenty of room to improve the numbers at the present site? Also, if Blessing and QMG split their surgery centers, how will they both survive? Blessing has rented the 1118 Hampshire surgery center for over 10 years because QMG was in financial difficulty; how can they sustain the cost now?

Please consider all the facts. I trust that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will use wisdom in this matter. I ask that the Board deny the CON requested by Quincy Medical Group for another surgery center in Quincy, Illinois. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Mixer