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January 25, 2019

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 Kathleen M. Elston and I am a Contract Administrator/Analyst in the Purchasing office for Blessing Hospital. I have worked for Blessing Hospital for 17 years. I handle various contracts for purchased services and medical equipment service agreements for the hospital which includes the Blessing Surgery Center. I do not believe that the city of Quincy and surrounding communities can support two surgery centers in Quincy, IL.

Allowing a second surgery center would eventually put both centers at risk for failure due to the same amount of business spread between the two centers. Opening of a second surgery center would cause the loss of Blessing Hospital jobs. Blessing could lose approximately 400 jobs through the loss of a significant portion of our outpatient surgery business. The community deserves the continued cooperation in the delivery of crucial services. Blessing wants to continue working with Quincy Medical Group to improve the health of our communities.

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

Respectfully,



Kathleen M. Elston
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