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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,

I am writing as a community member against the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center at the Quincy Mall location.

After reviewing several points, I don't feel an additional surgery center is needed in this community. Perhaps an updated or larger one, but not an additional one. Quincy Medical Group has attempted their own surgery center in the past and have failed.

If they had complaints, they should have contacted Blessing Hospital and the Anesthesia Associates to resolve their complaints. If you have concerns, you don't just scrap it and start a new one. Taking their physicians and surgeons away from Blessing Hospital will leave Blessing with huge gaps in their trauma and emergency surgery areas. Blessing Hospital has also mentioned the revenue from the surgery center funds the behavioral health unit. This will significantly impact the care of our community.

It will also impact the employment rate. With Blessing losing their surgery center, and reduction in the emergency/trauma areas, staffing won't be as supported. Blessing will have to surrender job positions that are no longer necessary and possibly some that are because the main focus will be on keeping nursing staff adequate to take care of our acute patients. That means support staff, like Environmental services or Medical Records departments will suffer.

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

Respectfully,

Megan Honts