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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
IL Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Opposition to CON(18-042) Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center
in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a Registered Nurse in Quincy, IL. I have been employed at Blessing Hospital my entire 28 year career as a nurse. I currently work in the Inpatient surgery at Blessing Health System as an associate nurse manager.

I am opposed to the duplication of services that would be created by this project. The cost to the community would include loss of services to those unable to pay - The Medical Group is a for profit group and does not provide assistance to the uninsured or under insured - A very large part of the community - Blessing provides assistance to these groups totaling Millions of dollars. Another impact is to staff that may lose their jobs due to division of the amount of work in the community. Blessing strives to be a leader in Evidence Based care, the outcomes speak to the expertise of staff and services. The cost to this community would be unbearable - I have experienced the decrease in services offered in my home town of Macomb, IL - where my mother still lives caused by duplications such as this. Both and trans services are supported by revenue from surgery. I respectfully ask the Review Board deny the request for CON 18-042.

Thank you,
Gwen Lude RN
Quincy, IL 62301