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Ms. Courtney Avery – Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Ref: CON Application 18-042

Dear Ms. Avery

I would like to voice my strong support for the Quincy Medical Groups plans to expand per their CON Application 18-042. This would be a great benefit not only to the residents of Quincy, but the surrounding community.

When St. Mary's Hospital was in operation, it kept a check and balance on services provided by both hospitals and kept the healthcare cost competitive. We need more of this in today's rising healthcare cost. Many seniors on fixed income look at the cost of services provided by Blessing and decide to go somewhere else to save money. When Medicare covers 80% of cost, we are forced to look for healthcare supplements to cover the balance of what Medicare doesn't, and that is an expense that comes directly out of our pockets. If Quincy Medical Group can provide services that not only help the entire community, but helps our seniors, then it benefits everyone.

I recently retired from 43 years of Architecture and Engineering, with the last 23 years devoted to Long Term Care, Intermediate Care, Supportive Living, Assisted Living and Senior Duplex Housing. I have worked with the Design and Construction Section of the IDPH through out the years and worked with staff leaders from each department. One voice that always stayed with me was a little old lady that told me she was going to pray our CON for that Nursing Home would be approved so she could move in and stay close to her family. This is what we want for Quincy Medical Group to be able to do, to serve our community without us senior be overcharged, and having to go elsewhere, putting additional burden on our family members.

Again, I support Quincy Medical Group and hope you approve their request.

Sincerely

  
Robert K. Herndon