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Ms. Courtney Avery, Executive Director
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to CON Application #18-042
Proposed QMG Second Surgery Center for Quincy

Dear Ms. Avery:

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The Blessing Cancer Center, opened in August 2003, is the result of a community-wide fundraising effort that was led by both Blessing and QMG. Quincy-area citizens donated \$8.3 million of the \$12,166,300 needed to make the cancer center a reality. Over 1,000 generous donors in our community dug deep into their pockets because they believed the message of QMG and Blessing about cancer patients needing convenient care in Quincy under one roof.

QMG now plans to pull the rug out from under our donors and our community, despite the civic effort that they helped lead regarding the Blessing Cancer Center. That is wholly inappropriate, and I respectfully urge that QMG not be allowed to relocate from the current cancer center. I too gave a sizeable personal donation to this project. I am in opposition to QMG's CON application.

Sincerely,



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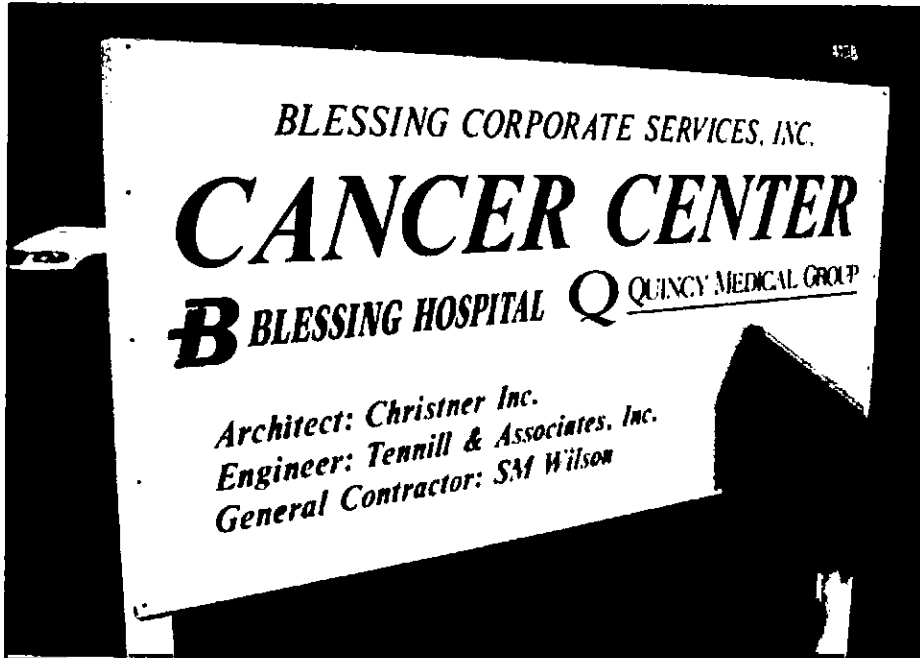
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Blessing Cancer Center Construction - Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical Group



Former QMG Chief Administrator Bill Sullivan at Blessing Cancer Center Groundbreaking