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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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Re: Project 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center

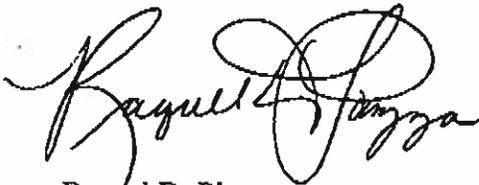
Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing today with regard to any potential cooperative venture between Quincy Medical Group and Blessing Hospital in relation to the proposed surgery center. I currently sit on the Adams County Board. As an elected official and concerned citizen, the well-being, growth, and success of my community are paramount to my personal growth and success as well as that of future generations of Quincyans. With this in mind, it is my wish to vehemently express my continued support for Quincy Medical Group's proposal to establish an ambulatory surgery treatment center in Quincy.

I was deeply disappointed to learn that the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center project received an Intent to Deny at the March 5, 2019 Board meeting. I also adamantly oppose the notion that co-ownership of a surgery center between Quincy Medical Group and Blessing would be in the best interest of the community. Such a co-ownership does not create healthy competition in our community and by proxy destroys our citizens' right of choice and ability to find the best care for their unique needs and circumstances. It would also contribute to a complete lack of competitive pricing which would be a complete disservice to our community. I support both organizations for their respective services and encourage Quincy Medical Group and Blessing to find other ways to collaborate and align for the best interest of patients. However, our Quincy community needs and deserves a free-standing independent surgery center in Adams County. Providing choice generates market competition to improve cost and enhance healthcare quality.

I sincerely ask that the Board recognize the needs and wants of Quincy and Adams County and approve Quincy Medical Group's project.

Sincerely,



Raquel D. Piazza
District 3 Representative
Adams County Board