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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

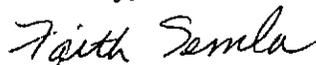
Dear Ms. Avery:

After years of hard work, the Barrington area community finally got a hospital; I worked hard for that. Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has served us well, is affordable and provides excellent service.

I am opposed to the Mercy and Centegra Hospitals' proposals for adding two hospitals in McHenry County. Residents there have multiple choices of good services at good hospitals, including acute care facilities, with shorter driving distances than ever before.

Please consider the increases in costs for services that the existing hospitals will have to charge to make up for fewer patients. This not only hurts insurance premiums, Medicare and Medicaid costs, it makes no sense.

Sincerely,



Faith Semla