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February 7, 2011

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please deny the application by Centegra Hospital to build a hospital in Huntley, Illinois. I oppose this CON application.

While we all would like to have a hospital near our home, that is simply not practical. Additional hospitals would simply increase costs, without adding any new services for the community.

Sincerely,



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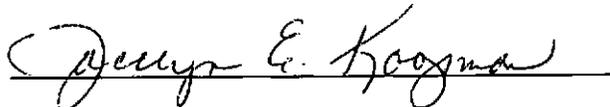
Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm a resident of Cary, IL and I'm writing to oppose Centegra's application to build a new hospital in Huntley. This project represents a duplication of healthcare services already in the area. There are already three hospitals in McHenry County and additional hospitals such as Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph that serve the health needs of McHenry County. Any McHenry County resident can get at least one of these hospitals in a reasonable time so if McHenry county residents are leaving the county to seek healthcare it's by their own choice, not for lack of options. We already have enough hospitals nearby.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board to deny the Centegra proposed new hospital.

Sincerely,

Signature:



Printed Name: Jocelyn Koopman

Address: 538 Berriedale Drive

City, St, Zip: Cary, IL 60013

Date: February 16, 2011

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Sincerely,

Signature: Lori Gutierrez
Printed Name: Lori Gutierrez
Address: 7508 Hickory Trail
City, St, Zip: Wonder Lake, IL. 60097
Date: 02-14-11



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February 24, 2011

Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie,

As representatives of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce and we would like to explain our opposition to the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley.

We are troubled about Centegra's proposal to add another hospital to our area because it could weaken all hospitals in the region, especially Sherman and Provena Saint Joseph. The hospital would replicate existing hospital services, albeit with a more limited scope of services, which would jeopardize the quality of our health care delivery system at a time when every dollar counts.

As you know, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board has recently approved significant capital investments in both Sherman Hospital and Provena Saint Joseph Hospital. Provena Saint Joseph Hospital was approved in 2005 for a \$100 million bed tower and renovation project, and in 2006 Sherman Hospital was approved for a \$325 million replacement hospital. Both of these projects were approved based on the promise of high quality care for the entire region, including residents of McHenry County. Both of these hospitals are fulfilling that promise, with Sherman emerging as the top health care provider in Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Algonquin.

The Centegra Certificate of Need application refers to its proposal as one to develop a "full-service" hospital. Analyzing the scope proposed, however, it is only proposing a limited service hospital providing basic care. In contrast, both Sherman Hospital and Provena Saint Joseph Hospital offer basic care as well as specialized and critical care including:

- Complex coronary care, including state-of-the-art procedural labs and operating rooms;
- Trauma care;
- Comprehensive cancer care centers with radiation oncology;
- A continuum of specialized stroke services, which bring together medical professionals, resources and technology to minimize damage caused by strokes

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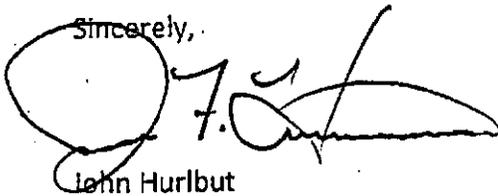
In addition, Sherman Hospital offers robotic surgery, a new center for advanced liver and pancreatic care, and has developed an affiliation with the University of Chicago Medical Center for cancer care, while Provena Saint Joseph Hospital offers inpatient rehabilitation care, behavioral health services and hyperbaric wound care.

We would also like to mention Centegra's reliance on unrealistic growth projections. Centegra's population estimates do not reflect reality. About 10 years ago northern Fox Valley communities were flooded with new housing starts, but the Great Recession limited that to a trickle.

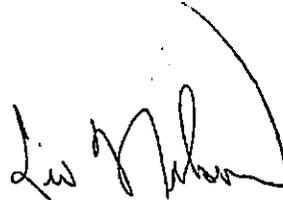
There are several subdivisions in the area that are woefully incomplete with no signs that they'll ever be built out. Our ongoing economic problems and foreclosure crisis – which has hit Huntley especially hard – are major reasons why we won't see home building growth anytime soon. We're certainly not against growth. We're just letting you know that the statistics presented by Centegra don't reflect reality.

Residents in the northern Fox Valley are well-served by Sherman and Provena Saint Joseph hospitals. These hospitals were designed with an eye toward comprehensive care for all of the residents of the region, and it makes sense for our region to focus on what's working rather than adding duplicative facilities.

Sincerely,



John Hurlbut
Chair
Board of Directors
Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce



Leo Nelson
President
Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce

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March 1, 2011

Linda Deering
2414 Tall Oaks Drive
Elgin, IL 60123

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

RE: Opposition of Project 10-090 Centegra Huntley Hospital
Opposition of Project 10-089 Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

With this letter, I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed Centergra, Huntley and Mercy Crystal Lake new hospitals proposals. This area of the Northwest suburbs is fortunate to already have outstanding quality healthcare. There are six area hospitals with their own network of urgent care centers throughout the region which are more than adequate to meet the needs of all our surrounding communities, including Huntley and Crystal Lake.

Times are uncertain. Healthcare reform will have an impact on the economic future of all current hospitals, insurance programs and the decisions of future patients. Any new hospital building would result in a down turn in utilization; leaving even more unused capacity. The combined total of the two proposed new hospitals is \$450 million. This represents an unnecessary expenditure of scarce medical dollars. In a time of government cuts, reduced spending and concerns about meeting our state's fiscal obligations, now is not the time to build hospitals that will not add any unique or needed specialty healthcare service to this area of Illinois.

The recession has made families cautious of every aspect of their own spending. I am asking no less than that same prudence and restraint from you. Please vote NO on the two CON projects requested by Centergra and Mercy.

Sincerely,



Linda Deering



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Ed Schock
MAYOR

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Office of the Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
of Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)
FEBRUARY 16, 2011

10-090

Hello. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin. I'm here today because two of the main providers serving Huntley and other area communities are located in nearby Elgin. These hospitals are very accessible to the McHenry residents that they serve with each facility located just six or eight miles from the county line. As I am sure you will learn from a closer look at this proposal, the vast majority of residents of McHenry County live less than 20 minutes from Provena and Sherman.

These hospitals have just completed significant capital investments in their facilities to provide state-of-the-art health care to patients in Northern Kane County and McHenry County. A little more than a year ago Sherman Hospital opened its brand-new regional medical center just off Interstate 90 on Randall Road. The new hospital offers advanced care in several areas, such as a cutting-edge cardiology program that includes open heart surgery, a comprehensive cancer care center, a Joint Commission accredited primary stroke center and the new Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. Provena built a new bed tower that includes 99 private patient rooms and a Heart and Vascular Institute that has the region's only hybrid cath lab. Provena also provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation and inpatient mental health services. These improvements anticipated serving the long-term needs of their entire service areas, which spread well into McHenry County.

I am proud to see these accomplishments in the local delivery of health care. And, I know that each hospital's mission is to serve the whole region by providing high-quality specialized health care with access for all regardless of their ability to pay. These hospitals have sufficient capacity to serve Northern Kane and McHenry counties for years to come. This includes residents who live in communities such as Huntley, Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. This is why I don't think it makes sense to spend money to build a new hospital especially given all the significant strain that the cost of health care is placing on our state, federal and even county governments, as well as on our regional employers and their health plan beneficiaries.

The recession has placed additional strains on economic development and has really changed the real estate development landscape. While many might consider any development as positive development, we have to think about development differently when it involves duplicating health care services.

We are here today because of the CON process. It is a Certificate of Need, not a certificate of want. And to be honest, the seniors in our communities need to think about how to make sure Medicare benefits are comprehensive and that they are here to stay. Access to services is excellent in Huntley and I hope that people can appreciate that.

Health care is a regional planning issue. Kane County and McHenry County are neighbors and it makes for stronger communities and a better use of scarce dollars when we work together.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centegra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ed Schock, Mayor
City of Elgin

Kathy Phelan
504 Skyline Drive
Fox River Grove, IL
February 28, 2011

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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms Avery:

I am writing to ask you deny the certificate of need (CON) application for the new hospital Centegra Health Systems would like to build in Huntley, IL. As a resident of McHenry County I believe that there are already enough healthcare options to serve our county. Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Centegra McHenry, Centegra Woodstock , and Sherman Hospitals all provide enough medical services to our county.

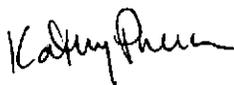
I believe that this would be duplication of services in an area that is well served by these existing providers. All communities in McHenry County have access to state of the art facilities, and emergency care within a short driving distance. Since our county already has 2 hospitals within it's' borders and several other hospital located just beyond the county boarder, this would be a waste of healthcare dollars. In the current state of the economy, I don't think that it is wise to approve a new hospital when monies could be spent on other more important issues.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and the new Sherman Hospital have made significant investments in infrastructure and services and this new hospital would threaten to undercut these investments and decrease the ability to serve patients. There are many McHenry County residents that are already served by these hospitals.

I think that it very important to deny Centegra's application to build an additional hospital that our county does not need. By denying their application it will benefit the community at large by being good stewards of monies and services that are already available.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kathy Phelan

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm a resident of Lake County and I'm writing to oppose Centegra's application to build a new hospital in Huntley. This project represents a duplication of healthcare services already in the area. There are already three hospitals in McHenry County and additional hospitals such as Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph that serve the health needs of McHenry County. Any McHenry County resident can get at least one of these hospitals in a reasonable time so if McHenry county residents are leaving the county to seek healthcare it's by their own choice, not for lack of options. We already have enough hospitals nearby.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board to deny the Centegra proposed new hospital.

Sincerely,

Signature: *Sueedy Hoorigan*
Printed Name: Trudy Hoorigan
Address: 21660 Hanover Hills Rd.
City, St, Zip: Barrington, IL 60010
Date: 2-15-11

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Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am the Illinois State Senator representing District 22, which includes Barrington Hills, Carpentersville, Elgin, South Elgin, Hanover Park, East Dundee, Hoffman Estates, Streamwood and Schaumburg.

In addition to proudly representing the communities of District 22, I've been a resident of Elgin for 34 years, and currently live on the city's northeast side with my wife and two children.

I am writing today as a representative and as a resident to express my opposition to the construction of the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

First, in its Certificate of Need application, Centegra ignores Kane County and Cook County hospitals that are just across the border from McHenry County - the omission of which speaks directly to the credibility of the proposal.

Second, McHenry County residents are sufficiently served by our network of excellent regional hospitals namely Sherman and Provena St. Joseph Hospitals in Elgin, Good Shepherd in Barrington and Alexian Brothers in Hoffman Estates. Sherman Hospital in Elgin is a regional medical center that is one of the area's top-ranked hospitals for cardiovascular care, as well as for trauma and emergency services. Provena St. Joseph, Good Shepherd and Alexian Brothers also do an outstanding job serving area residents in various specialties.

Third, Centegra says that projected growth and increased demand are reasons to build its hospital. However, the Great Recession has halted real estate development everywhere including, if not especially, in McHenry County. The return of housing and commercial development in the county and surrounding areas to pre-recessionary levels is measured not in months but years. In addition, state records show the demand for inpatient services within 30 minutes travel to the site of this proposed hospital has been stable with almost no increased utilization in any category of inpatient care from 2007 to 2009.

A final point: A significant number of people in my district rely on the safety net provided by the aforementioned health care centers. These centers offer health care for the uninsured and other vulnerable populations. Because of its location, Centegra's proposed hospital would avoid providing such care to much of this demographic.

While I generally favor the further development of health care facilities in our region, the fact is that the addition of an unnecessary, expensive new hospital in a comparatively affluent area of our state, drawing scarce health care resources from nearby economically stressed communities will only undermine our ability to care for our residents, not strengthen it.

The fact remains, this area does not nor will it anytime soon need an entirely new hospital or more hospital beds. In this era of fiscal austerity for state and local governments, I am, on behalf of my constituents, compelled to resist the expansion of unnecessary and duplicative services. I urge you to deny the applicant's request for Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Noland".

Senator Michael Noland
Illinois' 22nd District

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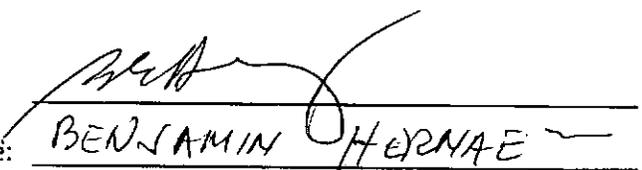
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Administrator
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to oppose Centegra's application to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. This project represents a duplication of healthcare services already in the area. There are already three hospitals in McHenry County and additional hospitals such as Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman, St. Alexis and Provena St. Joseph that serve the health needs of McHenry County. Any McHenry County resident can get to at least one of these hospitals in a reasonable time so if McHenry county residents are leaving the county to seek healthcare it's by their own choice, not for lack of options. We already have enough hospitals nearby.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board to deny the Centegra proposed new hospital.

Sincerely,

Signature: 

Printed Name: BENJAMIN HERNAE

Address: 549 RONALD DR

City, St, Zip: ADDISON, IL. 60101

Date: 2/8/11

February 8, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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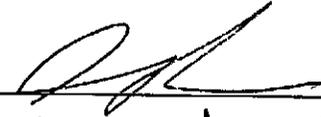
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Sincerely,

Signature:



Printed Name:

Amanda Jurgovan

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568 Somerset Ln. #7

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Crystal lake IL 60014

Date:

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Sincerely,

Signature: 
Printed Name: Maria Sinocchio
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City, St, Zip: Streamwood, IL 60107
Date: 2/7/11