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Mr. Dale Galassie  
Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project 10-090

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing to oppose the application by Centegra to build a new hospital in Huntley. In my role as Director of the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute, I direct all brain-related services at the two hospitals in the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. These programs include acute stroke care, pediatric neurosurgery, magnetoencephalography, epilepsy, interventional neuroradiology and Stereotactic neurosurgery, also known as Gamma Knife.

The Neurosciences program also has two outpatient offices. One is at the St. Alexius campus in Hoffman Estates, near the intersection of I-90 and Barrington Road. Because of that location, we are able to serve the far northwest suburbs, including McHenry County. We offer outpatient services for stroke, memory disorders, movement disorders, neuropsychology and epilepsy. Our clinical research trials department tests medications for illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

Alexian Brothers devote a tremendous amount of resources – in personnel and technology – to the Institute. Our technology must keep up with the ever-changing world of neurological research and treatment. And, we go head-to-head with medical centers across the nation to recruit the small number of doctors who excel in the neurological field. Because of the nature

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of these very specialized types of care, we have to rely upon – and serve – a large geographic area. In order to build a strong practice and invest in the best physicians and technology, we need to draw patients from the entire far northwest suburban region.

The Alexian Brothers system also depends on attracting patients from the entire region for care at our hospital system. That's why Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in McHenry County would undermine not only St. Alexius but also our Neurosciences Institute. It would bring an unnecessary duplication of services to the region. Centegra's desire to build a basic, limited-service hospital is a real threat to St. Alexius and our specialty Neurosciences Institute services. More than 10 percent of St. Alexius patients come from southeastern McHenry County. These patients are a short drive away from us, and rely on us to provide comprehensive medical care, including advanced neurosciences. St. Alexius is just one of the regional medical centers that serves this area and would be hurt by this new hospital.

I ask that the Board consider the major negative ramifications that this new Centegra hospital would cause and deny the certificate of need. We have a great regional medical system right now – let's not make it weaker and more costly to everyone. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Ciha". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clay" being more prominent than the last name "Ciha".

Clay Ciha

Director

Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
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525 W. Jefferson St. Floor #2  
Springfield, IL 62761

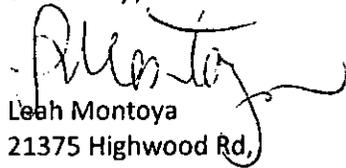
Dear Ms. Avery,

Please deny the CON application for Centegra to build a new hospital in Huntley, Illinois. I oppose the Centegra application for a new hospital.

I do not believe that another hospital is needed in the area. Many hospitals already are serving the area. Another hospital will just drive up health care costs. Residents already have ready access to several hospitals. I am also concerned about how the construction of a new hospital will adversely impact the existing hospitals who serve the community,

Also, since the hospital will not provide a full range of services, many patients will need to be transferred to another hospital to get the care that they need.

Sincerely,



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