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April 8, 2011

RE: Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a concerned resident of McHenry County. I live a couple of miles from the proposed Mercy Hospital site. I am writing you to let you know that I am **opposed** to the Mercy request to build a hospital in Crystal Lake.

I have lived in McHenry County for over 20 years. I have never felt that I did not have access to healthcare resources. I have always felt very comfortable receiving my care at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington Illinois. This hospital is located a short 6 miles from my home. I have developed strong relationships with my physicians and the facility and feel extremely comfortable with the excellent care and service we receive at Advocate Good Shepherd. I would not consider changing my affiliation should a hospital be built in Crystal Lake.

I am concerned that another hospital would hurt Advocate Good Shepherd and the other hospitals that already serve the people of McHenry County. We do not need an additional hospital in the area. This would only increase healthcare costs and hurt the already scarce human resources we have to care for patients in the area.

In summary, I am asking you to **reject** Mercy's application to build a hospital in Crystal Lake Illinois. I feel we have excellent services already available to us and have no need for an additional hospital.

Sincerely,

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