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3912 Wood Creek Dr.
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. All of the residents in the service area of the proposed hospital live within 30 minutes of an existing hospital and most (over 75%) live within 15 minutes of an existing hospital.

Thank you,

Jeanette Wagner

Gretchen Johnson
702 S. Middleton Ave.
Palatine, IL 60067

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. There are too many hospitals already and this hospital is unnecessary.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gretchen Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Gretchen Johnson".

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

RE: Opposition to Mercy Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to express my opposition to Mercy's planned hospital in Crystal Lake.

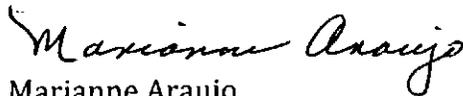
We don't need another hospital in the area because the proposed hospital will reduce patient volume at existing hospitals. The area hospitals provide charity care and community benefit services. There are concerns that the reduction in volumes at the existing hospitals will reduce the financial capabilities of the existing hospitals to continue to provide charity care and community benefit services.

The proposed new hospital duplicates existing services. It will not provide any new services for the service area. In fact, most of the area hospitals offer a broader range of services than what is proposed for the new hospital. Many patients needing these more advanced services will need to be transferred to another area hospital.

This duplication of services won't create permanent jobs. Health care workers would just move from one hospital to another, weakening all the hospitals.

Bottom line, it just plain doesn't make sense to build a new hospital.

Thank you,



Marianne Araujo

Cathryn Lentz
4204 Savoy Lane
McHenry, IL 60050

Courtaney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am opposed to the plan to build Mercy Hospital in Crystal Lake.

The towns in this area already have several major medical facilities nearby, including Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Although technically it's located in Lake County, Good Shepherd serves many southeastern McHenry County residents. And Good Shepherd is only about six miles from the site of Mercy's proposed hospital.

Building another hospital now would mean that the residents would be divided up among the two facilities. I fear that would make both hospitals losers because they wouldn't have the patient population they need to buy the latest equipment and to staff specialties that are needed by a small group of patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathryn Lentz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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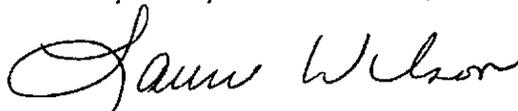
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to oppose the plan for Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital.

As a resident of Lake in the Hills, I have plenty of choices when I need to get medical care. I go to my physician's office when I have a mild illness, and if I get sick on the weekend I usually go to an immediate care center. If I have a serious illness, I know that I can easily get to Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington.

I don't think another full-fledged hospital is needed in my area. My neighbors know that taking care of small health problems before they reach the crisis stage is the way to get better care. That means fewer people are going to the hospital these days. Let's encourage the public to use the resources that are already here instead of adding even more healthcare costs.

Thank you for your consideration,



Laurie Wilson
8 Baronet Court
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

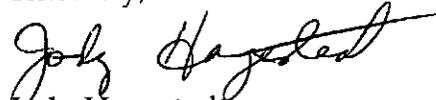
Ms. Courtney R Avery, Administrator
IHFSRB
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, Il 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I want the board to know that I oppose Mercy hospital's plans for a new hospital.

The current area hospitals meet the needs of our communities. I don't think there's a need for a new hospital.

Sincerely,



Jody Hagedstedt
3710 Ellen Road
McHenry, IL 60050

**Renee Ulreich
412 Redwood Dr.
Cary, IL 60013**

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. This is unnecessary and a duplication of need. We do not need any more hospitals.

Sincerely,

Renee Ulreich

**Brenda Iverson
1301 Ardmore Dr.
Cary, IL 60013**

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to Mercy's new hospital. There simply isn't a need for a new healthcare facility in the area.

In our region, we have several state-of-the-art hospitals that offer a comprehensive list of healthcare services and I feel this is a huge waste of money.

I urge to you vote NO on the application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Iverson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amy Shulfer
1523 Yellowhead Ct.
Woodstock, IL 60098

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Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm opposed to the plans to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake. This is unnecessary and I feel it is a duplication of services. We do not need any more hospitals as we have enough to serve the communities where they are located.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Shulfer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Shulfer

**Ms. Courtney R Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St. Floor #2
Springfield, Illinois 62761**

Dear Ms. Avery

I don't feel the Mercy hospital in Crystal Lake is needed. I think the Review Board should oppose this project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marvin Ferguson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely".

**Marvin Ferguson
24867 N. Holly Drive
Cary, IL 60013**

Ms. Courtney Avery

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson

Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a registered nurse, I'm writing to share my opposition to Mercy's plans to build a new hospital.

The proposed new hospital duplicates existing services. The hospital does not propose any new services for the service area. In fact, most of the area hospitals provide a broader range of services than is proposed for the new hospital. Many patients needing these more advanced services will need to be transferred to another area hospital.

I also believe there are multiple health care options available to residents.

Finally, I think that an increase in beds will outstrip the increase in population, resulting in underutilization. The proposed new hospital will increase the number of beds in McHenry County by 50 percent. The population is unlikely to grow that much in the next few years. The result will be low occupancy levels and underused resources at the new hospital and / or the existing hospitals.

Thank you for your consideration,



Joyce Blau

566 Cortland Drive

Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Alexia Spizzirri
4506 N. Oak St.
Norridge, IL 60706

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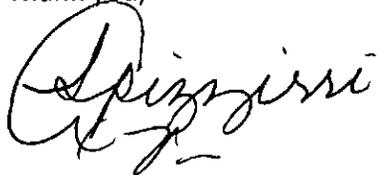
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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spizzirri". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Alexia Spizzirri".