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**From:** Biciulyste Spauda [biciulyste@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 10:07 PM  
**To:** Williams, Don A.  
**Subject:** Fwd: Opposition to Holy Cross Hospital Merger with Mount Sinai

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**From:** Edward <edward.bubnys@cox.net>  
**Date:** Tue, Nov 20, 2012 at 4:01 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition to Holy Cross Hospital Merger with Mount Sinai  
**To:** Williams@illinois.gov  
**Cc:** Biciulyste Spauda <biciulyste@gmail.com>, Dalia Bubnys <Dalia.Bubnys@fmglobal.com>

**To:** The Honorable Governor of the State of Illinois.

Dear Sir.

Please forgive the somewhat informal nature of this email. On such a matter I usually write a traditional letter on stationary, but time is of the essence and I wish my opinion to be known.

It concerns the merger of Holy Cross Hospital near Marquette Park, on Chicago's Southwest Side, with Sinai Health System. I am among those opposed to this merger.

Though I have lived and worked in New England as a Financial Economist for almost twenty-five years, I was born and raised on 69th Street in the Lithuanian neighborhood near Marquette Park, later living on St. Louis Avenue at 64th Place where my 93-year-old mother still resides. I remember the Sisters of Saint Casimir well, and I also appreciate the great benefit the community has derived by having Holy Cross Hospital nearby.

I just became aware of the merger situation today and am writing these comments as the November 20 deadline looms. I agree with Dr. Linas Sidrys, current President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities. Dr. Sidrys maintains the property, valued at \$82 million, is being given away to a non-Catholic organization without consultations with groups such as the LRCC, which raised the money to build Holy Cross Hospital when it opened in 1928.

Though we all respect Mount Sinai as an excellent institution, I agree with other Chicago-area Lithuanian-Americans who fear that the Catholic character of Holy Cross Hospital is in danger of being lost in the wake of this merger.

I feel additional input is necessary to consider alternatives to the Mt. Sinai merger. Perhaps an affiliation with St. Anthony Hospital would be possible? An alternative arrangement with St. Anthony would help maintain the Catholic character of Holy Cross.

Can you help delay this process until all legitimate input has been received?

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Bubnys, Ph.D.  
Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 10:10 PM  
**To:** Williams, Don A.  
**Subject:** Holy Cross Hospital  
**Attachments:** Holy Cross ligon.docx

**To: Ms. Courtney Avery**

**Subject: Applicant 12-079 regarding Holy Cross Hospital**

**From: Ligija Tautkuvienė,**  
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**Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board**

Holy Cross Hospital was founded through the efforts of Lithuanian Catholics in Chicago. Lithuanian Roman Catholics Charities raised the funds for its construction and founding. It arranged for the Sisters to manage the hospital.  
The hospital was opened in 1928

Being the Lithuanian Roman Catholic and member of Lithuanian community I am against the merger of Holy Cross Hospital with Mount Sinai.

Thus it is my position that St. Anthony Hospital be the preferred and optimal choice, and not Mount Sinai.

Sincerely,

Ligija Tautuviene

November 19, 2012

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to me

Call LHS 773 476 2655...and tel Danguole it is important that Mr. Polikaitis call you...messages have been left...tks...joe

Sent via BlackBerry

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**From:** Biciulyste Spauda <[biciulyste@gmail.com](mailto:biciulyste@gmail.com)>

**Date:** Tue, 20 Nov 2012 11:50:57 -0600

**To:** Joe Kulys<[joekulys@gmail.com](mailto:joekulys@gmail.com)>

**Dear Mr. Williams,**

**Attached is a letter opposing the merger of Holy Cross Hosp with Mount Sinai.  
Please add it to the commentaries regarding the case.**

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, specifically through the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities, which was primarily responsible for raising funds for its construction and founding. It arranged for the Sisters to manage the hospital.

Letters opposing the outright giving of an 82 million hospital and office complex to Sinai Health for gratis...send letters to

Ms Courtney Avery

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street

Springfield, Il. 62761

RE: Applicant 12-079

Holy Cross Hospital/ Chicago

You can view the entire application on [www.idph.il.us](http://www.idph.il.us)

November 20, 2012

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Il. 62761

RE: Applicant 12-079  
Holy Cross Hospital/ Chicago

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Board is meeting to discuss the proposed merger of Holy Cross Hospital with the Mt. Sinai Hospital Network. As a Lithuanian American and president of the Lithuanian World Community, I feel obliged to express an opposition to this merger.

In a historical context, Holy Cross Hospital was built with funds raised by Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities. This hospital has been serving the local community in which a great many Lithuanian Americans still reside. It has long been a symbol of pride for the community that built it. The representatives of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities must be given a say in the decision and future administration of this hospital, even if it is in an advisory capacity.

Speaking for many Lithuanian Americans, I strongly urge that the process in this matter be made more transparent and that the representatives of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities be involved and heard out before a decision is made.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Marija Navickas  
President, Lithuanian World Community