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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Letter of Opposition, Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing to **oppose** the new Lindenhurst hospital proposed by Vista Health System. As someone who is concerned with preserving healthcare quality in Lake County, I believe that it is clear that a new hospital here would jeopardize vital services and programs, harming the existing infrastructure at the expense of new and unneeded project.

Right now, Lake County has six full-service hospitals. The county is also home to Freestanding Emergency Centers, ambulatory surgery centers and medical office buildings, where physicians see patients close to their homes every day. This is a well-served region—with just enough patients to sustain the major hospitals. Adding another full-service hospital represents an unnecessary and irresponsible expenditure of healthcare dollars.

Further, the proposed project wouldn't provide anywhere near the same level of services as Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. But it would take away patients, which would hurt other hospitals' abilities to provide excellent healthcare for Lake County.

I oppose this project for the citizens of Lake County. We must preserve the critical services and programs that communities deserve. A new and unneeded hospital would upset a fundamental balance, and I ask you to deny it.

Sincerely,

Patty Burke RN

Signature:

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