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January 11, 2013

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project #12-081 VISTA MEDICAL CENTER-LINDENHURST

Dear Ms. Avery,

I would like to register my strong support for a new hospital to be built by Vista Health System in Lindenhurst. As a resident of the community, I believe that now is the time to build a new hospital that will serve those of us who live or work in the area.

I have been a patient of Vista's and can speak for the quality of the care I have received from their doctors, nurses and staff. With the Outpatient Center, new Emergency Department and new office building already in Lindenhurst, the addition of a full hospital would complete the loophole of care and be a tremendous benefit to the community.

I don't believe it's fair to require people in this area to be so far from a hospital. In fact, I can't think of another area in the metropolitan area where this is the case. I would much prefer to be within 10 or 15 minutes of a local hospital than have to worry about traffic in driving a minimum of a half an hour – and sometimes much longer – to Vista East, Condell or Lake Forest.

I'm sure this is a difficult decision for the board to make, but I ask you to consider all of the benefits that this will bring to the people of western Lake County. Please vote in favor of Vista's proposal to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst

Best regards,



Marilyn Murrie
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Mr. Dale Galassie
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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,

Signature:



Printed Name:

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