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January 16, 2013

Mr. Michael Constantino

Supervisor, Project Review Section

Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board

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Springfield, IL 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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With all due respect to HFSRB, we hate to even waste time by acknowledging Mr. Kambic's false allegations that a PR firm is behind the community's opposition. The opposition began from concerned residents talking to each other about what is needed in the community and what would negatively

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Based on the facts that Riverside would decrease the quality of care for so many residents by forcing 76 percent of its service area to endure longer transit times, not improving proximity for 83 percent of its service area, duplicate existing services, creating maldistribution, and unnecessary patient transfers, I respectfully request that this board deny Riverside's Certificate of Need.

Thank very much,

Nicole Pacini

(COPY OF THIS LETTER ALSO ATTACHED IF NEEDED)

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Mr. Mike Constantino
Chairman, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Riverside Medical Center Project 12-089

Dear Mr. Constantino:

As a very concerned private citizen in direct proximity to the proposed location of the Riverside FEC proposal, I am writing to you in response to the letter you received from the President and CEO of Riverside, Phillip Kambic, who was responding to all the public comments and opposition thus far to this project.

First off, Mr. Kambic states that there is a need for such a center and that he is simply responding to the public's request for this type of facility to be built in a residential zone. This is just not the case. My home is on the corner of Wolf Rd and Steger, directly across the street from where they propose to build. I performed 3 quick Mapquest directions to the closest hospitals and urgent care centers. All are within minutes:

Silver Cross Hospital New Lenox: 10.7 miles/19 minutes
Hedges Clinic Urgent Care: 3.82 miles/6 minutes
Physicians Immediate Care: 5.93 miles/10 minutes

I have submitted them for your review.

Is there really a need for this facility, especially with residential subdivisions directly to the east and north of their proposed site?

Secondly, I was at the public hearing on January 10th. It is clear that from that hearing, the need is in Kankakee county, not Will. I would also like to state that all of the people who testified to speak in support of the project were either employees of Riverside Medical or had an affiliation with them. It was noted that only 4 residents were there to speak in opposition, but he failed to include that two of the four were speaking on behalf of entire subdivisions. You see, he was paying all of his employees to be there in support. Unfortunately, even though hundreds of residents are opposed to the project, the public hearing was at 10am on a Thursday morning, and most of us had jobs to go to. We were all aware that we would have representatives there speaking in opposition on our behalf. This is why an online petition was created, and to date there have been over 100 signatures combined between the personal letters sent to you and your office and the online petition itself.

Mr. Kambic makes light of the fact that a helicopter pad would be stationed across the street from my house. After all, he claims, history shows it will only be used once or twice a year. What's the big deal right? Perhaps we should propose building one in his backyard and see if he still feels the same way.

He also claims to take pride in addressing the needs and concerns of residents in the area, yet he nor any one representative from Riverside Medical has ever contacted anyone in the Frankfort area who oppose this project to address our concerns. And as you can see, there are hundreds of us.

He leads you to believe that LaGrange Road is a "major thoroughfare that already sees plenty of ambulance traffic". ***That is simply not true.*** It is a two lane street in the middle of what was once cornfields and is growing into a beautiful residential neighborhood. Steger Rd and Wolf Rd are also two lane streets. There are no traffic signs, only stop signs. Does that sound like a major thoroughfare to you?

He notes that the facility will be located in farmland and that most of the area directly south to that is farmland. He failed to tell you that the east, north and northwest of the proposed facility is all residential. In fact, if you take a look at page 7 of his response, his own map shows that.

Finally and most insulting of all, he tries to imply that the opposition that we have painstakingly initiated and organized is the result of some manufactured grassroots campaign or better yet, some organized professional public relations campaign.

No Mr. Constantino. I can assure you, we are simply a large group of very concerned private citizens who would be devastated by the approval of this project. I, along with over 100 private residents in close proximity to this proposed project, urge you to please reject it for the sake of our home values, our children's safety, and our overall quality of life. We are hardworking, taxpaying citizens of Frankfort, IL and we deserve to have a say as to what type of a structure gets built in our own backyards. We did not purchase our homes blind. We saw the empty cornfield. We knew Riverside Medical owned the land and we were told that the plan was to one day build medical offices, not a 10,000 square foot 24/7 FEC with helicopter pad and all. Would you like that across the street from your house?

Again, I urge you to oppose the project for the reasons I have stated. We do not need access to more ER centers, and we certainly do not want one built in our residential community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Maria Neuhaus
Private Citizen
Vistana Subdivision
Frankfort, IL



Notes

Trip to:

Physicians Immediate Care
621 E Lincoln Hwy

New Lenox, IL 60451

(815) 907-5955

5.93 miles / 10 minutes



S la Grange Rd & W Steger Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423

1. Start out going west on **W Steger Rd** toward **Firenze Dr**. [Map](#)

0.2 Mi

0.2 Mi Total

2. Take the 2nd **right** onto **Wolf Rd / CR-2**. [Map](#)

2.3 Mi

2.5 Mi Total

Wolf Rd is 0.1 miles past Firenze Dr

If you reach Dublin Way you've gone a little too far

3. Turn **left** onto **W Lincoln Hwy / US-30**. [Map](#)

3.4 Mi

5.9 Mi Total

W Lincoln Hwy is 0.6 miles past Marilyn Way

ATM - CVS Pharmacy 5822 is on the corner

If you reach Abbey Rd you've gone about 0.3 miles too far

4. **621 E LINCOLN HWY** is on the **right**. [Map](#)

Your destination is 0.1 miles past Tonell Ave

If you reach Williams St you've gone a little too far



Physicians Immediate Care
621 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451
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Total Travel Estimate: 5.93 miles - about 10 minutes

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Trip to:

Hedges Clinic
222 Colorado Ave
Frankfort, IL 60423
(815) 469-2123
3.82 miles / 6 minutes



S la Grange Rd & W Steger Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423



1. Start out going north on **US-45 / S La Grange Rd** toward **Sara Spring Dr.** [Map](#) **3.5 Mi**
3.5 Mi Total



2. Turn left onto **Colorado Ave.** [Map](#) **0.3 Mi**
3.8 Mi Total
Colorado Ave is just past Bankview Dr
Burger King is on the corner
If you reach Abbey Dr you've gone about 0.1 miles too far



3. **222 COLORADO AVE** is on the left. [Map](#)
Your destination is just past Veil Dr
If you reach Willow St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far



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Trip to:

Silver Cross Hospital
1870 Silver Cross Blvd

New Lenox, IL 60451

(815) 740-1100

10.70 miles / 19 minutes



S la Grange Rd & W Steger Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423

1. Start out going west on **W Steger Rd** toward **Firenze Dr**. [Map](#) **0.2 Mi**
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2. Take the 2nd right onto **Wolf Rd / CR-2**. [Map](#) **2.3 Mi**
Wolf Rd is 0.1 miles past Firenze Dr
If you reach Dublin Way you've gone a little too far
2.5 Mi Total



3. Turn left onto **W Lincoln Hwy / US-30**. [Map](#) **2.1 Mi**
W Lincoln Hwy is 0.6 miles past Marilyn Way
ATM - CVS Pharmacy 5822 is on the corner
If you reach Abbey Rd you've gone about 0.3 miles too far
4.6 Mi Total

4. Turn right onto **N Schoolhouse Rd**. [Map](#) **1.6 Mi**
N Schoolhouse Rd is 0.3 miles past Vancina Ln
6.2 Mi Total

5. Turn left onto **Francis Rd**. [Map](#) **0.7 Mi**
6.8 Mi Total

6. Take the 2nd right onto **Parker Rd**. [Map](#) **1.1 Mi**
Parker Rd is just past Lakeside Rd
If you reach Woodside Dr you've gone about 0.1 miles too far
8.0 Mi Total



7. Turn left onto **SouthWest Hwy / US-6 W / W Maple Rd**. [Map](#) **2.3 Mi**
SouthWest Hwy is 0.1 miles past Timothy Ln
If you reach W 185th St you've gone about 0.3 miles too far
10.2 Mi Total

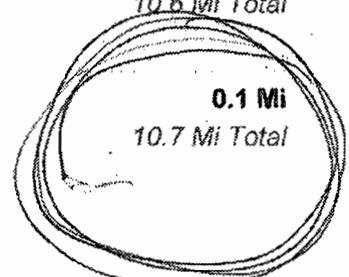
8. Turn left onto **Silver Cross Blvd**. [Map](#) **0.4 Mi**
Silver Cross Blvd is 1.0 mile past N Cedar Rd
If you reach Spring Creek St you've gone about 0.2 miles too far
10.6 Mi Total

9. Make a U-turn onto **Silver Cross Blvd**. [Map](#) **0.1 Mi**
If you reach Abraham Dr you've gone about 0.6 miles too far
10.7 Mi Total

10. **1870 SILVER CROSS BLVD** is on the right. [Map](#)
If you reach Maple Rd you've gone about 0.2 miles too far



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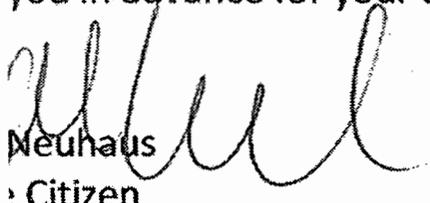
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