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Sincerely,

Signature Donald Bonomo
Printed Name DONALD BONOMO
Address 11285 AZURE DR
City/State/Zip: FRANKFORT, IL
Date: 1-14-13

Dear Frankfort Resident,

Riverside Medical Center is currently in the process of proposing the development of a Freestanding Emergency Medical Center at the southwest corner of LaGrange and Steger Rd. This type of emergency facility would require 24/7 emergency care, an ambulance bay, and a helipad. This is a highly inappropriate location given its close proximity to so many neighborhoods. To mention, Silver Cross Hospital is also proposing a Freestanding Medical Center at the corner of Rt. 30 Lincoln Hwy/93rd, next to the Walgreens and across from Currie Motors—in a **commercial** area and would already have the existing road infrastructure to support such a facility.

What this would mean to you?

- A major construction project that would include the widening of LaGrange, Steger and likely Wolf Rd. A project of this scale would last until 2015 and would cause traffic issues, noise issues, and safety issues.
- Significantly more traffic and congestion around these intersections after project completion
- Siren noise, helicopter noise and increased traffic noise at all hours of the night once the facility is established
- Depreciated real estate home values to surrounding neighborhoods due to decreased desirability
- Legitimate safety concerns due to having an emergency room and its clientele so close to a highly residential area (i.e. speeding/reckless driving is shown to occur at much higher rates during emergency hospital visits)

What you can do to voice your opposition?

- **Have every adult in the household sign a copy and submit the attached Letter of Opposition to the Health Review Board as soon as possible. Letters must be POSTMARKED by January 16th or faxed by January 16th to 217-785-4111, ATTN: Mike Constantino.**
- **Have every adult in the household sign and submit the attached Letter of Opposition to the Village of Frankfort Mayor as soon as possible.**
- You may have already signed an online petition which has been circulating its way through many bordering neighborhoods, however, it is important to sign and remit these letters in addition to the online petition. If you have not already signed the online petition, please contact vofhoa@gmail.com for further link information.

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Signature [signature]
Printed Name JACQUELINE Hoffman
Address 11875 Topanga Canyon
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Date: 1/15/13

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Signature [illegible]
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Address 22701 Stanford Dr
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