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**From:** Catherine Harned [kharned@niu.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2011 9:17 PM  
**To:** Williams, Don A.  
**Subject:** Proposed Rockford Memorial Hospital with St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose this merger because it will limit access to birth control information to women in Rockford.

For the last ten years I have worked in Concord Commons Housing Development on the west side of Rockford. Seventy-two percent of families there make less than \$2500 a year. Of the approximately 650 residents over 50% are less than 10 years old.

These families need access to birth control information and services so that they can better understand the reproductive process and family planning alternatives.

If this merger goes forward women on the west side of Rockford will loose access to basic family planning information.

Sincerely,  
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