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*Daiva Kisielius*  
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Dear Review Board members,

*Ziba Pranckevicius*  
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I am strongly against the merger of Holy Cross Hospital with Mount Sinai Hospital and propose that the Sisters of St. Casimir return Holy Cross Hospital to Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities.

*Kazys Razgaitis*  
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Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Laima Aleksa  
President of the Board,  
Lithuanian Catholic Federation Ateitis,  
Youth Division

November 15, 2012

Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

Please, do not allow the proposed merger of Holy Cross Hospital with Mt. Sinai Hospital/Health Care System. I am against this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Zervos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Miss Diane Zervos, RN, BSN  
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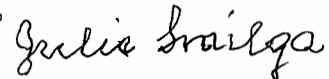
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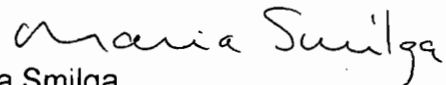
Dear Sir/Madam:

We are against the proposed merger of Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago with Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago.

Sincerely,



Julia Smilga and



Maria Smilga



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**Subject:** Applicant 12-079, Holy Cross Hospital, Chicago

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

This letter is in opposition to the proposed transfer of Holy Cross Hospital to the Mount Sinai system.

The Lithuanian American Council, representing 18 national organizations, has been an active presence in the vicinity of Holy Cross for many decades. It emphatically states its opposition to the proposed transfer, particularly because the community was not fully advised or consulted regarding such a radical transfer of ownership.

This defective application disenfranchises the very community which enabled the founding of Holy Cross Hospital and sustained it for almost a century. The proponents of this application failed to acknowledge the historical roots of this hospital, but more importantly they have failed to address an alternate proposal partnership with St. Anthony Hospital or even admit that one exists.

This failure of disclosure and transparency as exhibited by the applicants brings into the question the entire process seeking approval of a non-compensated million dollar transfer to an entity whose values are alien to Holy Cross Hospital.

Thus the Council expresses its opposition to the proposed merger for the following reasons:

- the community was not fully consulted or advised as to why the Hospital is giving away a multi-million dollar asset
- the merger would be in violation of the intention of the founders and donors
- a more suitable alternative appears to be available and no explanation was provided why a less attractive choice is being promoted

The application should be rejected since the selective approach adopted by the applicants fails to recognize the significant community participation in the establishment of Holy Cross Hospital and the existence of a more suitable alternative partnership (St. Anthony Hospital) which the community, as guardian of the intention of the founders and donors, could support.

Sincerely,

Saulius V. Kuprys  
National President

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**Subject:** Applicant 12-079 regarding Holy Cross Hospital

**Saulius V. Kuprys**  
President

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

**Algis Kazlauskas**  
Vice-President

The Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America is a national organization representing Lithuanian Catholic organizations and institutions since its founding in 1906.

**Vida Sakevicius**  
Secretary

The Federation opposes the current application transferring Holy Cross Hospital to Mount Sinai.

**Vytas Stanevicius**  
Treasurer

Holy Cross Hospital was founded through the efforts of Lithuanian Catholics in Chicago, specifically through the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities, which was primarily responsible for raising funds for its construction and founding. It arranged for the Sisters to manage the hospital.

**Sr. M. Palmyra, ICC**  
Sisters of the  
Immaculate Conception

**Peter P. Zansitis, Ph.D.**  
LAC Trustee

The participation of the Lithuanian Catholic community is enshrined in both the deed to the underlying property as well as in the hospital's cornerstone, identifying it as "The first hospital of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities."

A failure to seek the advice and consent of this community, especially those organizations that were key to the founding and acquirement of the property in question, is a substantial deficiency which jeopardizes the very validity of the application. Due process and transparency issues have been ignored — yet they must be addressed for a full and honest assessment of the proposal. Such failure requires that the application be denied.

***Please see attached addendum as to a viable alternative choice.***

Respectfully submitted,

Saulius V. Kuprys  
National President

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**Application of the principle of *cy-pres* vitiates the legitimacy of the proposed transfer of Holy Cross Hospital to Mount Sinai, but supports the consideration of St. Anthony Hospital as a viable choice.**

Any such change in the ownership must accord with the long-standing principle of *cy-pres*. This principle provides that any such change in purpose or ownership, as contemplated here, must be executed in a manner as **to adhere most closely to the original charitable intention of the founders and donors.** The current proposal is not in keeping with this principle and in fact diverges from it to such a degree as to grossly violate it.

We have been advised that another hospital — St. Anthony — which espouses a mission which conforms to the intention of the founders and donors of Holy Cross, has the support of the community as well as that of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and is available and willing to partner with Holy Cross. No explanation is provided why this logical choice is not being made. Instead, an artificial partnership is being foisted onto the community in total disregard for the underlying values that have guided Holy Cross Hospital since its inception.

It is thus requested that the current application be tabled so that there may be fully reviewed and evaluated the alternative and more appropriate selection — St. Anthony Hospital, which is closely related by its very nature and mission to Holy Cross Hospital and conforms to the intentions of its organizers, founders, and donors, as well as the rightful expectations of the community.

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In re: Applicant 12-079 HCH/Chicago

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed plans to merge Holy Cross Hospital with Mount Sinai Health Center. I believe that the views promulgated by these institutions are incompatible with each other.

As a graduate of Loyola University School of Social Work, I am well aware that the purpose of a Catholic hospital is not only to provide excellent medical care, but also to advance the teachings of Jesus Christ and His church; it is to respond to the call of the late Pope John Paul II, to bring forth a "Culture of Life and Civilization of Love". I am deeply concerned that the values of the founders of Holy Cross Hospital will be compromised if this merger is allowed to take place.

Please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,



Cornelius Jazbutis