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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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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. As a member of the Lithuanian American community, I oppose this transfer. My family members helped build this hospital with their donations for decades.

As President of the Knights of Lithuania, Council Five and a member of The Lithuanian American Council, which represents 18 national organizations, has been actively involved in the vicinity of Holy Cross for many decades. The Lithuanian American Council " 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." , as stated by the national President of the Lithuanian American Council, Saulius V. Kuprys.

Sincerely,



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President, Council Five  
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