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November 14, 2012

RE: Letter of Opposition, Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center – Lindenhurst

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing in **opposition** to Vista Health System’s proposal for a new hospital in Lake County. As an area physician and surgeon, my patients are my number one priority. I am concerned that a new hospital in Lake County is not in their best interests, as it will duplicate existing services, result in an unnecessary increase in patient transfers, and jeopardize quality of care to patients in the area.

No question, healthcare is trending away from inpatient care. Procedures that once required an overnight stay can now be done on an outpatient basis. Ambulatory care centers are the way of the future – particularly in areas like Lake County that already have an excess of inpatient beds.

It is also important to note that Vista’s proposed hospital offers only limited services and would not meet specialty care needs, in particular trauma. For many high-level health services, patients would have to transfer to another regional facility like Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. This proposed facility will result in an increase in unnecessary patient transfers and affect potential outcomes. As you may know, time is of the essence in regards to trauma patients and their care.

No one will argue that access to care is critical. However, in time-sensitive medical situations, all county residents are already within 15 minutes of emergency departments. Among those emergency departments is Vista’s current Freestanding Emergency Center in Lindenhurst. Plain and simple, Lake County residents are already well-served when it comes to healthcare.

It is with my patients in mind that I oppose this project. Not only does it fail to bring new resources to the community, it jeopardizes the high-quality care that residents of Lake County currently enjoy.

Respectfully,



William C Watson, MD
Medical Director of Trauma
Advocate Condell Medical Center
The Surgeons of Lake County
Libertyville, IL.

November 17, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Galassie,

We are residents of Lake County (Lake Zurich), and recently became aware of the proposal for a new hospital in Lindenhurst. We are **opposed** to this hospital, and would appreciate your vote to deny it.

This hospital will cost \$131 million and duplicate services with the other existing hospitals in the area, adding to health care costs for residents and employers in Lake County. Health care reform will likely **reduce** the need for inpatient capacity as more patients are treated in cost effective outpatient settings. So why would we approve another hospital at this time?

We would be much more open to it if patients had to travel long distances for care, but they don't. Lake County has six full-service hospitals now, and most people around Lindenhurst are only 15 miles away or so from other hospitals in the County. There are also freestanding emergency centers, ambulatory surgery centers and medical office buildings in Lindenhurst and Gurnee, among other areas, now.

Building another hospital that duplicates services will only "steal" volume from other existing hospitals, reducing the quality of care where minimum volumes are necessary to maintain quality programs, and making it harder to sustain them financially after greatly reduced revenues.

Finally, even if the Board were to agree to another hospital, we are opposed to Vista receiving the approval. Vista is part of a for profit system which means that profits are not retained in the community, but earned by its corporate owner. They do not have the obligation to provide charity care like not-for-profit hospitals. Further, Vista does not have a quality reputation, and we think it's a mistake to allow them to expand their footprint in Lake County.

We ask that you deny this request to preserve cost effective, quality health care in Lake County.

Sincerely,



David & Teresa Cartwright
744 Edelweiss Dr.
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

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Sincerely,

Signature: Karen A Nelson
Printed Name: KAREN A. NELSON
Address: 1005 LARKDALE ROW
City/State/ZIP: Wauconda IL 60084
Date: 11-16-12

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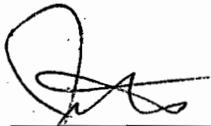
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Signature:



Printed Name:

JOHN LUCZAK

Address:

18636 W. JUDY

City/State/ZIP:

GOARVILLE IL. 60031

Date:

11/20/12

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Signature: *Diane Luczak*
Printed Name: Diane Luczak
Address: 18636 W. Judy Dr.
City/State/ZIP: Garner IL 60031
Date: 11-20-12

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Timothy Alikakos, MD

Address: _____

755 South Milwaukee, Suite 263

City/State/ZIP: _____

Libertyville, IL 60048

Date: _____

11/6/12

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Signature: Mark H. Fields Jr M.D.

Printed Name: MARK H. FIELDS JR. M.D.

Address: 342 WOODLAND RD

City/State/ZIP: LIBERTYVILLE, IL. 60048

Date: November 5, 2012

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Signature: Patricia J. Rudzinski
Printed Name: Patricia J. Rudzinski
Address: 2720 W. Cheyenne Rd.
City/State/ZIP: Waukegan IL 60087
Date: 11-4-12

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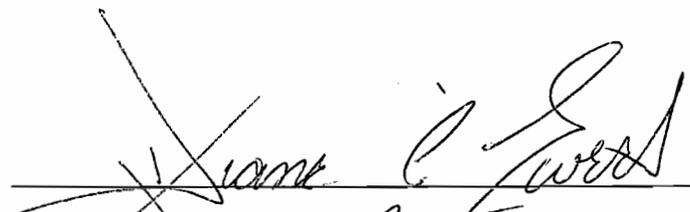
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Printed Name:

Address:

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DIANE P. EWERT

325 BEAMONT CT

GRAYSLAKE IL 60030

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Signature: Rose S Bryan

Printed Name: Rose Sharon Bryan

Address: 215 E. Park Avenue, #307

City/State/ZIP: Libertyville, IL 60048

Date: 11/02/2012

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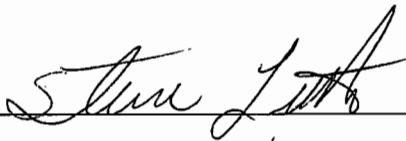
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Signature: 
Printed Name: Steve Luth
Address: 34046 N. Lilac Ave
City/State/ZIP: Grayslake IL 60030
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Printed Name:

LINDSAY A FINLAY

Address:

3329 GILEAD AVE

City/State/ZIP:

ZION, IL 60099

Date:

11-2-12

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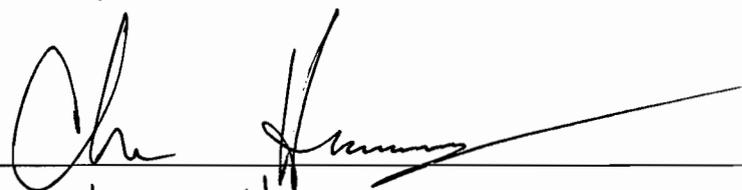
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Printed Name:

Chris Hennessey

Address:

207 W. Palatine RD.

City/State/ZIP:

Palatine IL 60067

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Signature: 
Printed Name: Robert Paluch
Address: 5217 Pistakee Dr
City/State/ZIP: McHenry IL 60051
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Signature: 
Printed Name: DAVID D. CEMATE
Address: 801 S. MILWAUKEE AVENUE
City/State/ZIP: LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048
Date: OCTOBER 30, 2012

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Signature: Richard J. Nadrowski
Printed Name: RICHARD J. NADROWSKI
Address: 232 Rt. 45
City/State/ZIP: INDIAN CREEK IL 60061
Date: 11/2/2012

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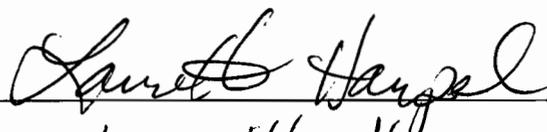
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Signature: 
Printed Name: Laurette Hampel
Address: 801 S. Milwaukee
City/State/ZIP: Libertyville, IL 60048
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Signature: 

Printed Name: KATHY GRANT

Address: 1019 ROCKLAND RD

City/State/ZIP: LAKE BLUFF, IL 60044

Date: 10/30/2012

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Signature: Galina Zvereva
Printed Name: Galina Zvereva
Address: 119 Mardian Ct. Vernon Hills, IL 60061
City/State/ZIP: _____
Date: 11/06/12

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Signature: Lynne L. Kushner
Printed Name: LYNNE L. KUSHNER
Address: 801 South Milwaukee Ave
City/State/ZIP: Libertyville, IL 60048
Date: 11/5/12

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Printed Name: Barbara Kuczak
Address: 20817 N. Florence Ave.
City/State/ZIP: Prairie View, Ill. 60069
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Signature: Kyle Michaels
Printed Name: Kyle Michaels
Address: 475 Autumn Blvd.
City/State/ZIP: Lakewood, IL 60051
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Signature:



Printed Name:

Carol A Hamilton

Address:

26863 N. Oakdale Lane

City/State/ZIP:

Mundelein, IL 60060

Date:

11/02/2012

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Signature: Lisa Rautbart
Printed Name: Lisa Rautbart
Address: 2116 W. Forest Ave Apt 101
City/State/ZIP: Round Lake, IL 60073
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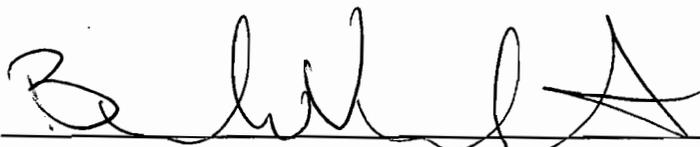
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Signature:



Printed Name:

Brooke Venhorst

Address:

866 N. Milwaukee Ave. Apt. A2

City/State/ZIP:

Libertyville, IL 60048

Date:

Nov. 2, 2012

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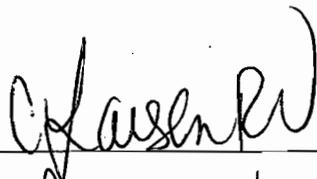
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Printed Name: _____

Colleen Larsen RW

Address: _____

801 S. Milwaukee

City/State/ZIP: _____

Libertyville IL 60048

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Jason Patton

Signature:

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Printed Name:

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Address:

712 waters Edge dr apt 301

City/State/ZIP:

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Signature: *Raisa Drachevskaya*
Printed Name: *Raisa Drachevskaya*
Address: *2 OAK CREEK DR apt 3206*
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DELMA VORIS

Address: _____

829 STONEBRIDGE LANE

City/State/ZIP: _____

BUFFALO GROVE, IL. 60089

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Signature: _____

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Printed Name: _____

NATALIA ZALIVANSKY

Address: _____

1429 Pinewood Dr.

City/State/ZIP: _____

Vernon Hills IL 60061

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Signature: *Debbie Bradn*
Printed Name: *Debbie Bradn*
Address: *1133 Orleans Drive*
City/State/ZIP: *Mundelein, IL 60060*
Date: *11-2-12*

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Signature:

Karen M Brady

Printed Name:

KAREN M. BRADY

Address:

801 S. MILWAUKEE

City/State/ZIP:

Libertyville, IL

Date:

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Signature: 
Printed Name: Ann Ryan
Address: 88 WILTON LANE
City/State/ZIP: Mundelein IL 60060
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Signature: *Sheryl Hirschfield*
Printed Name: SHERYL HIRSHFIELD
Address: 180 W FOX HILL
City/State/ZIP: BUFFALO GROVE
Date: 1/6/12

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Deborah Presto

1950 N. Brice Ct

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Signature:



Printed Name:

J. P. FOHL

Address:

289 Bingham Cir

City/State/ZIP:

Mundelein IL 60060

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Signature:

Martha L. Jurecko

Printed Name:

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Address:

156 Blueberry Rd.

City/State/ZIP:

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11/17/12

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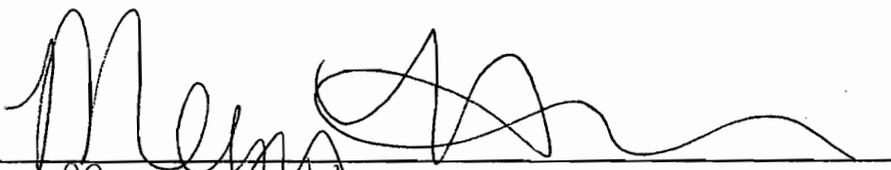
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Sincerely,

Signature: 
Printed Name: Megan Hansen
Address: 2500 Edina Blvd Apt. 2
City/State/ZIP: Zion, IL 60099
Date: 11/8/12

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Printed Name: Stephanie Beres
Address: 1280 Coventry Glen Dr. Apt 204
City/State/ZIP: Round Lake, IL, 60073
Date: NOV. 7, 2012

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Signature: M L Loggins
Printed Name: Mistie Loggins
Address: 4240 Golf Rd
City/State/ZIP: Skokie, IL 60076
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Signature:



Printed Name:

Kimberly Quinn

Address:

18330 W Grand Dr.

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Printed Name:

Mallory Pugh

Address:

114 Maple Ave

City/State/ZIP:

Fox River Grove, IL

Date:

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Signature: _____
Printed Name: Eleonora Mangiarac
Address: 1087 S. West Ave.
City/State/ZIP: Waukegan, IL 60085
Date: 11/5/12

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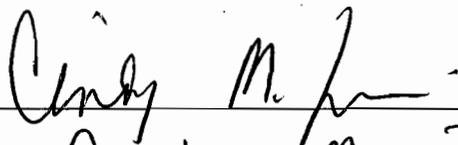
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Signature: 
Printed Name: MARIA G. MARTINEZ
Address: 801 S. Milwaukee Ave
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