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**I oppose this project for the citizens of Lake County.** We must preserve the critical services and programs that communities deserve. A new and unneeded hospital would upset a fundamental balance, and I ask you to deny it.

Sincerely,

Signature: Patricia Lagen  
Printed Name: Patricia Lagen  
Address: 1682 Lind Lane  
City/State/ZIP: Gurnee IL 60031  
Date: 10/30/2012

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Signature: Julia Knesley  
Printed Name: Julia Knesley  
Address: 3080 Falling Waters Ln  
City/State/ZIP: Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
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Signature: Meg Olson  
Printed Name: Megan Olson  
Address: 220 Oak  
City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 10/30/17