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RE: Project # 12-081, Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Kevin Liebovich. I am a gastroenterologist and am affiliated with Lake Shore Gastroenterology, located in Gurnee.

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I support Vista's application for a hospital in Lindenhurst because it will improve access to care for patients living in northern Lake County.

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Patients who live in northern Lake County need a hospital that is closer than their current options. My practice has a growing number of patients who live in Lindenhurst, Antioch, Spring Grove and surrounding cities. For these patients, it can take more than 30 minutes to drive to the nearest hospital.

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The volume of patients seen in the Lindenhurst Freestanding Emergency Center is testament to this need. I am supportive of Vista's application, because a hospital in the Lindenhurst location will improve access to care for patients in northern Lake County.

I ask the Review Board to approve Vista's certificate of need application for the Vista Lindenhurst Hospital.

Sincerely,

Kevin Liebovich, MD

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Re: Project 12-081

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing on behalf of the Lake County Board of Health and the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC). Our priority is to make sure our citizens have the best possible access to health care services. Last year we provided more than 163,315 medical visits and 35,280 dental visits to 48,523 unduplicated patients at our six community health centers in Waukegan, Zion, North Chicago, Highland Park and Round Lake Beach. We also provided behavioral health services to 8,323 clients throughout Lake County. Many of the clients we see are uninsured or Medicaid enrollees.

All residents need access to ambulatory care and hospital services. Residents of the Waukegan, Lake Forest, Highland Park, Libertyville, and Barrington areas are located near hospitals and associated urgent care and outpatient facilities. Consistent with the accessibility available to residents near those communities, we believe residents in the north and west parts of Lake County would benefit from similar access.

The Board of Health's strategic plan includes a goal to increase access to health care services. Additionally, we have a public health duty to advocate for increased access. There is a need for outpatient, diagnostic, specialty care, and behavioral health services for low income and Medicaid enrollees throughout Lake County.

In order to ensure reasonable access for all of Lake County's residents, we support plans for additional health care facilities which enhance hospital access in northwest Lake County.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Waxman
President
Lake County Board of Health