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March 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Galassie:

We greatly appreciate the Review Board's consideration of the concerns Lake County United voiced in our previous submission regarding this project and its potential impacts on overall community health in Waukegan. Thank you also for forwarding copies of Vista's responses to these concerns.

As a result of the concerns we raised, we have met with senior leaders of Vista Health Care who provided us with much of the same material that they provided to you and which was recently posted on your web site. We know that the public comment period for this project has ended but we did not have an opportunity to provide our response to this information prior to the deadline. And since the material you posted was in direct response to our inquiries, we felt it was important to share our reaction.

We know that Vista has made significant investments in their Waukegan facilities and that there have been improvements over the years. We welcome this new dialogue between Vista and LCU and look forward to building a cooperative relationship; however some questions remain regarding Vista and CHS's representation of their investment in Waukegan and their commitment to work collaboratively to improve quality of and access to community health services.

Therefore, we reiterate our desire to work with Vista to create a comprehensive plan to improve the access to primary and acute care services in Waukegan, particularly for traditionally underserved populations, economically disadvantaged areas of the County, including a proposal to include local input and a community health survey in the development of such a plan.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Cristine Pope
Lead Organizer, on behalf of the Steering Team

✓ cc: Mike Constantino