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RE: Letter of Opposition, Project #12-089, Riverside Medical Center-Frankfort

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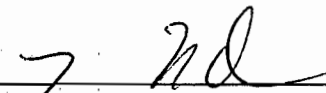
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For these reasons, I strongly oppose this project. Not only does it fail to provide greater accessibility and proximity of emergency health care services to the majority of the area which is already adequately serviced, but it is also in a completely unsuitable location due to its direct proximity to various residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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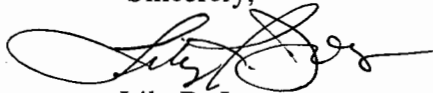
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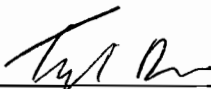
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