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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

31 July 2014

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed you will find the letters refused at the July 14, 2014 IHFSRB meeting. Apparently the time for comment had passed. As the committee would not accept them July 14, I enclose them now in hopes they will be considered in the next round of discussion of Carle Foundation's proposal (14-015) to expand.

Yours sincerely,



Christina Nelson

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letter from Martha Wagner Weinberg

letter from Jacqueline Rickman

letter from Sonia Newmark

photocopy of letter from Lisa Truel (original in advertently left stapled to the written testimony of Christina Nelson submitted at the July 14, 2014, IHFSRB meeting)

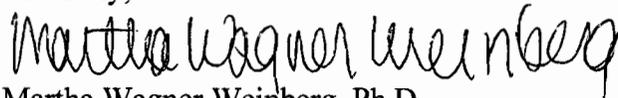
1506 S. Orchard St.
Urbana, IL 61801
July 12, 2014

Dear Members of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I write to express my grave concern about and opposition to Carle Foundation Hospital's request to expand its facilities. Carle already owns a large amount of tax exempt property in Urbana and has expressed no willingness to pay its fair share of taxes to support its already large campus and this proposed expansion. In addition, Carle is notorious for building first, then finding purposes for its buildings, often duplicating services or facilities already available to citizens and patients in Central Illinois.

I only recently learned of your hearing and wish I were able to attend to hear what possible rationale there is for Carle's additional facilities. I believe you owe it to all citizens concerned about the rising cost of health care, in part due to projects fueled by a sense of "manifest destiny" like this one, to hold more public hearings and, ultimately to deny Carle's request. I believe many citizens of Carle's hometown of Urbana share my concern about this.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Wagner Weinberg".

Martha Wagner Weinberg, Ph.D

July 16, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

We, The citizens of Urbana, were not given notice of The meeting scheduled for July 14, 2014 in Bolingbrook in The required time frame.

Carle's covert actions are not acceptable or fair to our Community. These actions which are aimed at taking over all of our area's medical facilities need to be stopped.

Jacqueline Pickman
1205 S. Race St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Sonia Newmark
706 West Iowa Street
Urbana, IL, 61801

Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I am writing to ask that you consider postponing your vote on Carle's application for expansion. You should know that there is currently great unhappiness with the way that Carle is conducting business within Urbana. Legislation was passed exempting Carle from paying any property taxes. This legislation has devastating, far reaching consequences to the city, park district, and not the least importantly to school children, people on fixed income, and all home owners living in Urbana. As citizens, in addition to a growing grass roots effort to address this issue, our other form of "protest" is to take our business elsewhere. Carle's unnecessary expansion, duplicating services that already exist in the area, only increases its ability to push out the competition. As both an insurer and deliverer of health care, if Carle manages to push out all of its competition, it can (and has already begun) to charge outrageous fees.

Until Carle is acting responsibly within the community that has supported it, I would seriously consider whether this is the time to grant permission for expansion.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonia EW Newmark". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sonia EW Newmark

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
State of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

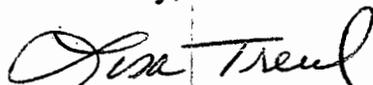
July 10, 2014

Dear Board Members:

Until fair, ongoing, and accountable payments are being paid to the taxing bodies of the City of Urbana, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board should postpone approving any expansion of Carle facilities.

In addition, I have deep concerns that a healthcare monopoly is being developed in East Central Illinois by this expansion approval. I am deeply worried about its grave impact on other local hospitals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Treul".

Lisa Treul
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