

PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

**PROJECT: 10-049 THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CANCER CENTER AT
SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL, NEW LENNOX, IL**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

PLACE: NEW LENNOX VILLAGE HALL
1 VETERAN'S PARKWAY
NEW LENNOX, ILLINOIS 60451

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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177 INDIVIDUALS WERE IN ATTENDANCE

11 INDIVIDUALS TESTIFIED IN OPPOSITION

31 INDIVIDUALS TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT

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TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT PROJECT

#	NAME (Please Print)	AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION REPRESENTED (PLEASE PRINT)	CITY (Please Print)	ORAL, WRITTEN OR BOTH (PLEASE PRINT)
✓ 1	Paul Pawlak	NO-APPLICANT, Silver Cross		BOTH
✓ 2	Ken Sherrigan	CO-APPLICANT, UICMC		BOTH
✓ 3	Allison Costello	UICMC		ORAL
✓ 4	John Leach	Community	Joliet	ORAL
✓ 5	Daniel Harp MD	UICMC	Chicago	BOTH
✓ 6	Jim Mastin	Will County Board		
✓ 7	Kathy Casper	Community		
✓ 8	Patricia Nathan Keith	Nathan Keith	Mokena	BOTH
✓ 9	Tim Baldermann	Village of New Lenox	New Lenox	BOTH
✓ 10	Trisha Krifker			BOTH
✓ 11	Michael Sass	ULSD 182	New Lenox	BOTH
✓ 12	Bethie Curry	Community	St. Charles Lemont	BOTH
✓ 13	Ralph Weischel			
✓ 14	Bob Cognin	Silver Cross Foundation	Joliet	BOTH
✓ 15	Marge Woods	Silver Cross Health Care	Joliet	BOTH

✓ Jim Roof
Silver Cross Board/Commissioners of Directors Joliet Both

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✓ 1	Rev. Herbert Brooks	Silver Cross Health Comm. Comm.	Joliet	
✓ 2	Russ Sinkovsk	Joliet Chamber of Commerce	Joliet	Both
✓ 3	Barbara Val Reed	Community	Joliet	
✓ 4	Lora Ann Johnson	National Hook-up of Black Women		Both
✓ 5	Ernest Hayes			
✓ 6	Richard Schilsky			with them
✓ 7	Larry Waltz Connie Nawrocki MD			
✓ 8	Neda Zelenkovic's	Silver Cross Center for Women's Health		Both
✓ 9	Lornie Polhemus	Will Grundy EMS System		
✓ 10	Debra Hylke	NY Chamber of Commerce		
✓ 11	Carol Binias - Hilda	Sr. Services Center		
✓ 12	Randall Loman			
✓ 13	Gertse Mahoney			
✓ 14	Beverl. ALBERT			
✓ 15	Mr. Larry Walsh	ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATOR	CHICAGO	Both

Mr. Larry Walsh
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Speaking in Support

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✓ 1	Danny Geiss		Manhattan	ORAL
2	Ray			
3	L Muey Hudya, RN		L Muey Hudya JOLIET	ORAL
✓ 4	ZRENE RUSHING			ORAL
✓ 5	Gina J. Coutercher		Manhattan	oral
✓ 6	Maquette Wrenski		Homewood	oral
7	Maquette Wrenski		NEW LENOX	W
8	Maquette Wrenski		Chicago	ORAL
✓ 9	HONORABLE JACOBUS SKINNER		Chicago IL	ORAL
✓ 10	Corey Simee	Will County Board	Frankfort	ORAL
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✓ 1	Dr. Selma Assad.	Hoffman Cancer Ctr.	SAVANA E Assad	Both Both
✓ 2	DR FAROUK B. Assad		SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 3	Farouk B. Assad		SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 4	Farouk B. Assad	Raymond S. Swadlow	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 5	Farouk B. Assad	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 6	Rosemary ADAMS	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 7	AMM Clark		SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 8	Gary Klopfer	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 9	Spencer P. Swadlow	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 10	RITVAN CHAWLA MD	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 11	F. SIVARASAN	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 12	Frya Regal	Sheela Page & Regal	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 13	MAFISA BUBALAKI MD	JOHN	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 14	ELIZABETH MURPHY	Hoffman Cancer Ctr.	SAVANA E Assad	Both
✓ 15				

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1	Barbara Adelman	Steffman Cancer Center - Oriskany	New Lenox	SUPPORT OF
2	MICHAEL SLOCUMER	SELECTIONS FINANCIAL SERVICES	NEW LENOX	SUPPORT
3	DR. DAVID GUTHER	SILVER CROSS STAFF MEMBER	NEW LENOX, IL	SUPPORT
4	Richard Carr	Scraggins Financial Services	New Lenox, IL	SUPPORT
5	Lauren Dango	Scraggins Financial Service	New Lenox, IL	SUPPORT
6	Liz Nichols	PMBS	Tinley Park	AGAINST
7	Heggy Delcus	Silver Cross Hosp	SOLET	SUPPORT
8	Janice Prosser	Silver Cross Hospital	New Lenox	SUPPORT
9	Andy Cain	Herold-Dewis	PLAINFIELD	REPORT
10	Sharon Rehner	SCA	NEW LENOX	SUPPORT
11	Kevin Lams	SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL	VALLET	SUPPORT
12	David Schlapay	SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL	FRANKFURT	SUPPORT
13	Deborah T. ALBERT	SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL	SOLET / Frankfort	SUPPORT
14	JERRY R. ALBERT	SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL	VALLET IL.	SUPPORT
15	Monica Balleto	TROY CSD 30-C	SOLET	SUPPORT
	Jeffrey Jay	Silver Cross Hospital	SOLET ILL.	SUPPORT

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1	DOROTHY ALMBERG	SILVER CROSS Hosp	TOLETT IL	SUPPORT OF
2	MU, MD KERNON	SOHA	TOLETT IL	OPPOSE
3	TASKA NEKART	JOHA	TOLETT, IL	OPPOSE
4	MATILDA A. WILHELM	2689 Hoberg Dr	TOLETT IL	— PAR
5	ELMER E. WILHELM	2689 Hoberg D	TOLETT IL	— PAR
6	PAT CASEY	SOS WRESTL A	NEW LENOX	FOR-WRITTEN
7	Prud'ca Casey	Silver Cross Hospital	New Lenox	FOR-WRITTEN
8	Prud'ca Casey	Award Laborg	New Lenox	—
9	Deanna Mangersas	HCC	TOLETT	—
10	Richard S. Birkwood	N/A	New Lenox	—
11	Matthew Antwe	Silver Cross Hospital	Tolet	Support of
12	Theresa Quinn	Silver Cross Hospital	Tolet	Support of
13	Tom Holder	Silver Cross Hospital	Tolet	Support of
14	Molly Scroggins	800 Diamond Klane	Tolet	Support
15	Ray Roberts	JOHA	New Lenox	Support

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1	Marci Vasilades	Silver Cross Hospital	JOLIET, IL	Support of
2	ROXANE SANDERSON.	SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL	TIMBER PARK - WILK COUNTY	Support of
3	Mary Ann Fickel	U of Chicago	Chicago	Support
4	James Backman	U of Chicago	Chicago	Support
5	Nancy Butterski	JOLIA	JOLIA	NO
6	Sperry Marcus	JOLIA	JOLIA	NO
7	Glenn Weiss	JOLIA	JOLIA	NO
8	Stacy Treanor	JOLIA	JOLIA	NO
9	Kim Middleock	JOLIA	JOLIA	NO
10	Agren Semels	JOHA	Joliet	NO
11	STAR KAVETRAE	JOHA	JOLIET	NO
12	SEB	"	"	NO
13	Rudolf Englemann	SILVER CROSS	New Lennox	
14	Paul Maysner	A. Penn	Chicago	Support
15	Bernadeen R. Sartori	Dr. Asaad	Lemont	Support

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1	Randy Postolaki	SELF	New Lenox	
2	Debra L. Lygare	SELF	New Lenox	
3	Chin Kenny	SELF	New Lenox	
4	Maureen Kennedy	SELF	New Lenox	
5	Geis Magnifico	SELF	New Lenox	
6	Debra Steele	SELF	New Lenox	
7	Donna Harrison	University of Chicago	Timber Park	
8	Sally Jackson	SELF-VOLUNTEER	New Lenox	
9	Marie Fox	SELF	Frankfort	
10	Janet P. Brown	SELF	New Lenox	
11	KATHA PAULINE BERT	SELF	New Lenox	
12	E. Strella + Howard Hughes	SELF	New Lenox	
13	CHRISTINA JOY	SELF	Joliet	
14	Monica Vasquez	Spanish Community Center	Joliet	
15	Laurence R. Johnson	SELF	New Lenox IL	

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1	CATHERINE A. WRIGHT		ELANRIFORT	
2	MARBARA H. WARRHORN	ALL ORGANIZATIONS	MOCKINA	
3	MARtha Johnson	Alpha Sigma Alpha University of IL	JOLIET	
4	Tina Leon	Self	Self	written
5	ESSENCE E. RYAN	SELF	JOLIET METAL BANK	
6	BRANDY R. JOHNSON	SELF	NEW LENOX	
7	William P. Rowland	SOUTH CROSS HOSPITAL	JOLIET IL.	
8	Wynne Stomwar	Univ. of Chicago	Chicago	
9	Nicole Belt	SELF	JOLIET	support
10	Elizabeth Castillo	Spanish Community Ctr	Self	Support
11	Ana Maria Navala	Spanish Community Center	JOLIET,	Support.
12	ANAL NICOLE AGUIRRE	Spanish Community Center	JOLIET	Support
13	NARAK STARON	SELF	Self	SUPPORT
14	Roshni Shan	SELF	Tinley Park	Support
15	CAROL BARNES-NEEDS	Will Co SE Service Ctr	JOLIET	Support
	Casey Porter	Self	New Lenox	Support

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1	Joseph Stempel	Husband of Patient?	Lenox	
2	Mike Kostacki	Patient	New Lenox	
3	MATTHEW GIBBS	Patient	New Lenox	
4	BARB BALDARE	GRAND OF PATIENT	NEW LENOX	
5	JOE DAVIS	N/A REP	GOLETT, IL	
6	Bethy Washington	Joliet Community Action Network	Joliet, IL	
7	Juanne Strickland		Frankfort, Ill.	
8	David Strickland		Frankfort, Ill.	
9	Paul Apple	Art Partners	Quincy	
10	ROBERT RUSS	Jubilee Apartments/Storage	Joliet	
11	Susan ONeal	Sally	Joliet	
12	Josephine Ansel	Spanish Community Center	Joliet	
13	Barbara J. Donder		Frankfort	Support
14	Gwen Hume	Silver Cross	Joliet	
15	Pat Ryan Eblin	Silver Cross	Elwood	Support

Wynne Deering
Dan Samuelly

Silver Cross Hosp

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1	Kathleen Mary Atwood	Silver Cross Foundation	Frankfort	
2	Jennifer L. Johnson	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority	Joliet	
3	KAREN D. DIRCKS		NEW LENOX	
4	Scott Killinger	Citizen	New Lenox	
5	Mary Bakken	Silver Cross Hospital	Naperville	Support
6	BREYER, RAO		LOCHSTER	
7	TOUR, RAY	Forest Park Community Center	TOLENT	Support
8	BRILL, PAUL			Support
9	ROBERT, ROBERT	Silver Cross	NEW LENOX	Support
10	DAVID, KENNETH	Silver Cross	FRANKFORT	Support
11	ROBERT, ALDEN	Belenia Center	Artist	
12	ROBERT, R. HANCOCK	Silver Cross	Madison Park	Support
13	BARBARA HELMANN	Silver Cross Hospital	Deland Park	Support
14	MARSHALL, DEAN	NHBU	Joliet	Support
15	TIMOTHY, MARY	Silver Cross	Tenley Park	Support

Holly Tomashuk
Ethna Swails
Gwen Swails
Silver Cross/Childerguild
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1	Scott Simons	Silver Cross	New Lenox	
2	Tracy Simons	Silver Cross	New Lenox	
3	Pastor David Carnode	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	JOLIET	
4	Sara Jackson	Silver Cross	New Lenox	
5	Terri Benolo	Hoffman Cancer Center	JOLIET	
6	Bekky Joseph	Hoffman Cancer Center	JOLIET	
7	Edna Jones	Volunteer MT Zion	JOLIET	Supporter
8	Mary Jane	EPHRAIM	JOLIET	Supported
9	Paul Felt	EPHRAIM	JOLIET	Supported
10	Sri Krish	Joliet oncology & Hematology Assoc	Joliet	
11	Gary Grotelohan	Self	New Lenox	Supported
12	Melissa Kenmond	Self	New Lenox	Supporter
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Good morning – my name is Paul Pawlak and I am the President and CEO of Silver Cross Hospital. I would like to thank the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for the opportunity to speak this morning about this important project addressing one of the most serious and feared diagnoses a person can receive – of course, I am talking about cancer. The University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital is being proposed to help patients who are coping with this dreaded disease at a time when they and their families are most vulnerable and most confused. This is an application, from two not-for-profit institutions, whose missions are to provide quality health care. The need for more cancer services is clearly substantiated by an estimated 4,800 new diagnoses each year in Will County. Yet a staggering 70% of patients needing hospitalization due to cancer, leave this community for services – 1,400 people from our service area are

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being treated at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Hyde Park. Many others seek care at other downtown hospitals or out of state. As I've read the letters of support that have come pouring in, I am astonished by stories of disruption and hardship that people have endured as they searched for services not available in our community. These people are searching for expertise and quality care, for new technologies, for life-saving possibilities from clinical trials, and for hope. Our proposed solution is to bring this hope closer to home.

As healthcare providers, it's our obligation to improve the health of our community and provide accessible, essential services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Silver Cross has a long history of doing just that - last year the hospital provided \$7.5million of charity care at cost –many of those services were for cancer patients who desperately needed treatment.

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Clearly, there is overwhelming support for this application – the room is filled with people who have taken time out of their busy schedules to endorse the project. The County Executive, Mr. Larry Walsh, who represents over 750,000 people, has written a letter of support as has Mr. Moustis, the County Board Chairman (who is here with us today), and several other members of the county board including Rev. Brooks representing District 8 (and _____). Our federal and state elected officials support this project, including Senator Wilhelmi, Representative McGuire and Congresswoman Halvorson. New Lenox Mayor Baldermann and the village council supports the project. Many members of the Silver Cross medical staff, those who best know the needs of cancer patients, also support this application – over 80 doctors have signed support letters to date. But most importantly, is the outpouring of support from individuals that have come here today to explain why this project deserves approval. These are the folks that

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have been touched by cancer, either personally, or through a friend or family member.

This is not the first time Silver Cross Hospital has invested and added cancer services - in fact, the Hospital recruited the first oncologist to the community in 1981 and financially supported the start-up of his practice – I am referring to Dr. Pundaleeka. He is a fine physician who has helped many people with cancer and I am certain that he will continue to do so. Our project will not interfere with his busy practice – instead, cancer patients will now have additional alternatives and the ability to coordinate their care with physicians from an academic medical center. It is not a question of competition, and we are unwilling to debate who should care for cancer patients – the choice is a private matter that an individual makes with consultation from loved ones and their own primary care physician.

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I wish that I could say that our project was an original idea – but it is not. Academic Medical Centers across the United States are partnering with community hospitals to deliver oncology services locally – examples include the Dana Farber /Harvard Cancer Centers in the Boston suburbs to the MD Anderson programs throughout the country to right here in Illinois – Loyola Medical Centers’ recent partnership with Central DuPage Hospital. This is the best practice model – it’s what and there is no reason that we should not provide the best. We are proud to join forces with The University of Chicago Medical Center and offer what people have been asking for. To me, fighting cancer means fighting the disease and working together against this common enemy.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Board to approve our application.

Thank you.



Good morning. I'm Ken Sharigian, president of the University of Chicago Medical Center. As I drove the 35 miles from the Medical Center to New Lenox this morning, I timed myself. It took less than an hour, mostly against traffic. It wasn't long but it made me think about what it must be like during rush hour. What would it feel like to do that day after day for weeks at a time? How much worse would that feel if you were going through cancer treatment? In a very real way, that's what we are here today to talk about. How can the University of Chicago Medical Center and Silver Cross Hospital team up to make life a little easier for the people who live in this area, at the time when they most need some serious help?

As you have heard, nearly 5,000 people in this region will be diagnosed with some type of cancer in the next year, and 70 percent of those who need inpatient treatment will travel to get that care outside of Will County. We know that about 1400 of those people come to see physicians at the University of Chicago on our Hyde Park campus. Those patients choose us for our well known expertise, for our technologies, for life-saving therapies, and when there are no good standard options, for a chance to enroll in a clinical trial.

We are here today to ask permission to bring these services closer to them, to provide our cancer care in familiar places, close to your homes.

There are only two institutions in the entire state of Illinois designated as comprehensive cancer centers by the National Cancer Institute. The University of Chicago Medical Center is one of them. There are three Illinois cancer programs ranked in the top 50 nationwide by U. S. News & World Report. The University tops that list by a wide margin. No other Illinois program is ranked. We have 353 clinical trials currently open to cancer patients. No other Illinois institution comes close.

Why do we attract these honors? Because of our faculty physicians. Five University of Chicago cancer specialists are members of the distinguished Institute of Medicine. Four have served as president of the American Society for Clinical Oncologists, the leading cancer care society. University of Chicago cancer specialists have received, among other honors, the Presidential Medal of Science, the Presidential Medal of Honor, the Lasker Award, the MacArthur "genius" prize, and the Nobel Prize.

If you have cancer, you want people like that on your team. Here's one example you may have heard about. A world-

famous chef in Chicago was diagnosed with cancer about three years ago. Ironically, he had tongue cancer. He saw doctors in Chicago, who wanted to remove most of his tongue.

Fortunately, he had resources. He flew to New York, to see the experts at Memorial Sloan Kettering. He flew to Houston to visit M. D. Anderson. He went to many famous cancer centers. Somewhere along the way, however, he saw doctors who told him about a team in Chicago that could help him recover *and* keep his tongue. They helped him connect with us. I'm happy to say, he followed that advice. Now he's in full remission and been cancer free for almost two years. He still has a fully functional tongue and he still runs one of Chicago's top restaurants.

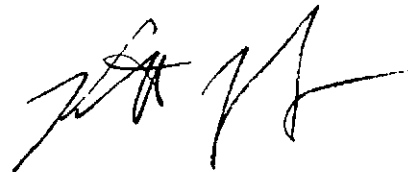
That's the kind of hope and care we want to bring to Silver Cross. Later today you'll hear from Daniel Haraf, one of Grant's physicians, and he will tell you more about the specific cancer treatment advantages we can bring.

The University has performed ground-breaking medical research, some of which changes medical care worldwide. But here's a little-known finding. In 2003, one of our research teams published a revealing study. They followed patients with head and neck cancer, a program that attracts patients from all over the country. They discovered that patients who traveled at least 15 miles for care had one-third the risk of dying during

the study period as those living closer. Race didn't matter. Income didn't matter. Yet, for every 10 miles that a patient traveled for care, the risk of death decreased by 3.2 percent.

Obviously, this does not mean that driving cures cancer. It means that patients who explore their therapeutic options and expend the resources to receive those therapies fare better than those who go to the closest place, even if their diseases and treatments are the same. Quality trumps convenience.

We know that 70 percent of patients from this part of Illinois have long been making that choice, 1,400 of them coming to the University of Chicago. We also know it's not the driving time, the inconvenience, that makes the difference. It's the quality of care. But we are convinced that quality can join hands with convenience. Our goal is to work together with the teams at Silver Cross to bring that level of quality to you, and to do so conveniently -- if you'll let us do the driving. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



I am Daniel Haraf from Palos Park. I am a Professor, a cancer physician, and medical director for radiation oncology services at the University of Chicago Medical Center. I ask that the Review Board approve this project on behalf of my patients.

In FY09, 1,400 patients with a diagnosis of cancer living in the Silver Cross service area came to the University of Chicago. These patients travel 50 miles or more through heavy traffic and unfamiliar inner-city neighborhoods, a trip that can take two hours each way. Some patients do that every day for 6 to 7 weeks paying Chicago prices to park. Why do people suffering with cancer do this when there are oncologists, radiation equipment and hospitals -- and ample parking -- in the immediate area? Let me explain why.

We bring access to a comprehensive cancer center. There are 40 such centers, certified by the National Cancer Institute in the United States. The only way to earn this designation is by meeting stringent criteria. According to the NCI and I quote: "Many organizations that are dedicated exclusively to health care call themselves comprehensive cancer centers based on their self-assessment... However, the term "comprehensive" as used by the NCI requires more than state-of-the-art care and services and includes a strong research base interactive with a wide spectrum of prevention, care, education, information

and dissemination activities that broadly serve communities, regions of the country and often the Nation.”

What does that mean to a patient? It means deep expertise and vast experience in every type of cancer care. It means access to a broad spectrum of clinical trials. The University has long-standing, widely recognized and federally funded programs in Phase I, II and III trials, run by national organizations with a long track record of scientific accomplishment.

We also offer access to clinical trials developed by our clinicians and scientists that are only available at the University of Chicago. Trials offered at the University of Chicago undergo vigorous internal review by 3 separate committees to make sure they are safe, scientifically sound, well designed and worthy of patient participation.

We also offer documented results. We review most disease sites for toxicity and cure. These results are published in scientific journals and presented at national meetings. We can tell a patient what to expect based on our results and provide a published reference.

We bring access to the medical, surgical and radiation oncologists who not only read the medical textbooks, they write them. We are all part of the medical school faculty charged with creating new knowledge and training the next generation of physicians.

Radiation therapy is a highly technical specialty that depends on close interaction between physicians and medial physicists. Unlike a typical one-person radiation practice, we have 12 faculty physicians with special expertise in individual sites.

We can bring that unique expertise to this community. I and my colleagues will be available as a resource. Information can be electronically transferred to the University where the expert in that disease site can help design and plan radiation treatment.

Most radiation facilities have at best one PhD physicist. Our department is staffed with 6 PhDs in medical physics (and we run one of the country's leading training programs in this field), 2 MS and 3 dosimetrists. This means we have the resources to devote 100 hours of expert effort to treatment planning for complex cases.

I also hope you will allow this project to continue. Stopping this project will not stop people from coming to the University. Letting this project go forward will let cancer patients have access to the care they want and deserve closer to home. It is the right thing to do. It is the humanitarian thing to do.

Date: Sep., 3, 2010

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RE: Opposition of the University of Chicago Cancer at
Silver Cross Hospital – New Lenox (Project 10-049)

Dear Mr. Constantino

My name is Dr. Salwa Asaad, I am a physician my specialty is Radiation Oncology. I have been in private practice for over 25 years at the Hoffman Cancer Center in Joliet. This is a free standing facility in an office building across the street from Silver Cross Hospital and about 2 miles away from the proposed University of Chicago at Silver Cross Hospital- New Lenox Project.

When I started my practice over 25 Years ago, Silver Cross Hospital administration refused to spend capital to buy the equipment needed to establish a Radiation Therapy Department and asked me to buy the equipment on my own and that they would build up the insulated concrete room that is needed to house the Linear Accelerator in an office building across from the hospital and lease me the space. I went to Springfield to obtain a certificate of exemption and took a huge financial risk to finance a multi Million dollar worth of equipment. I established for the community a new radiation oncology service which Silver Cross Hospital never did and still does not provide.

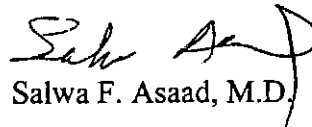
The administration at Silver Cross Hospital is telling me that I shall not be allowed to treat patients in the new cancer center and also told me that you are the past and we are looking for the future. Now they are asking me to vacate the premises and remove my equipment by April 2012 before the term of the Lease that expires on Dec. 2012. After Dec. 31st I shall be moving to a different location in the area and Hoffman Cancer Center will continue to open its doors to treat patients.

Over the years I was joined by another board certified radiation oncologist and I replaced and upgraded the equipment few times, now I have the most advanced Linear Accelerator with the state of the art Image Guided Radiotherapy (IGRT), and Intensity modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), a CT scanner Simulator, 3 D planning computer and High Dose Rate Radiation Treatment (HDR). I also perform Radio Surgery and prostate implants. The Center employs 2 PhD experienced physicists, a dosimetrist, 4 highly qualified radiation therapy technicians and 2 receptionists.

I have developed an excellent rapport and established a long standing relationship with several faculty physicians at the University Medical Centers in the Chicago area including Northwestern University, Rush Medical Center, Loyola University and the University of Chicago. Those physicians have been referring patients who live in the Will County area for treatment at The Hoffman Cancer. Patients do not need to travel to the city of Chicago or anywhere else to get the most advanced radiation therapy treatment and the best care available. There are also several Cancer Treatment Centers in Will County and within few miles from New Lenox. These are : Joliet Hematology and Oncology Associates in Joliet about 8 miles away, Alpha Med, under construction ,in Tinley Park about 10 miles away, St. Joseph Cancer Center about 8 miles away and Advanced Urology associates in Joliet about 8 miles away There is obviously no shortage of this kind of service in the New Lenox-Will County area. Approving this project would be totally unjustified expense and obvious duplication of service especially at a time when the federal government and states are trying to trim down unnecessary medical expense.

We also believe that this project, if approved would actually increase the overall cost of medical care in the community resulting from over saturation and over use of services.

Sincerely,


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RE: Opposition of the University of Chicago Cancer Center
At Silver Cross Hospital- New Lenox (Project # 10-049)

Dear Mr. Constantino,

My name is Dr. Farouk Asaad, I am a family physician and a cancer survivor. In 2006 I was diagnosed with rectal cancer. I, being a physician with medical background and my life was on the line I had to make sure that I receive the best treatment available. My focus for research for a surgeon specialized on colorectal cancer was based on the best qualified Surgeon not on the institution or a university hospital. After considering all my options and after consultations with oncologists at Northwestern University, who ironically recommended that I get my radiation therapy treatment at The Hoffman Cancer Center in Joliet, a private free standing facility across from Silver Cross Hospital, I opted to receive my treatment there, needless to say that I have made the right decision.

I was treated with the most advanced state of the art equipment and cared for by highly knowledgeable, friendly and compassionate staff. My point is that advanced equipment matters but so do compassionate personnel. I am not against University Hospitals; they are all fine institutions, but a qualified Physician is not synonymous with a University Physician. The main incentive for a University hospital to migrate to the Suburbs and to get affiliated with a local community hospital is to expand its patient base to compensate for the gradual shrinking of the number of patients it is seeing in the city where several University centers compete for the same patient base. Do not kid yourselves in believing that just because it is a University hospital, it must be good for the community, just the opposite could be true. There are accumulating Statistics that show there is a definite and significant correlation between the increases in the overall cost of medical care in a community with the introduction of services offered by University medical centers into that community resulting in over saturation and over use of services.

In will County, there are several well equipped Cancer treatment centers staffed with highly qualified professionals comparable to any University medical center in the Chicago area. The main reason for the requirement to apply for a certificate of need is to make sure that there is no duplication and that there is actual need for the service, if there is no need there should be no certificate of need. The Review Board should not make an exception just because it is a University Hospital, this would invalidate the purpose of the

CON the regulation. The argument that a University Center would provide a much needed research is not a valid argument and is too simplistic and naïve because research is being done all the time in various centers in the community in corroboration with different major University Hospitals. You do not have to spend tens of millions of Dollars on a new project that is not needed.

It is my hope that this committee will find this project a redundant duplication of services and that approving it would be fiscally irresponsible and waste of public funds with the real possibility of increasing the overall medical cost to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Farouk B Asaad', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Farouk B Asaad, MD

Hello,

My name is Kathleen Casey and I have been a resident of New Lenox since 1986. My husband and I raised our two wonderful children in this community. They attended Lincoln-Way High School, went to college, married, and returned with their spouses and our grandchildren and are currently also raising their families in New Lenox. I am proud of my community and I appreciate the opportunity to speak to our elected officials regarding an issue that has impacted my life profoundly.

I'd like to provide a little of my family background to help explain why I have such a strong interest in seeing a partnership between Silver Cross Hospital and the University of Chicago come to fruition here in New Lenox. My story is not unique to my family. I'm sure everyone in this room's family has been touched by cancer. It is an insidious disease that knows no socioeconomic boundaries, gender biases or adheres to any logical patterns.

Fourteen years ago, my youngest sister, Francine, who was only 34 years old, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Several months later, another sister, Eileen was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer. Two years later, my oldest sister Maureen was diagnosed with breast cancer and shortly after her, I was also diagnosed with breast cancer. Even though we all received those dreaded words "You have cancer", we have been blessed and fortunate, for we are all still alive to tell our stories.

I believe part of the reason for our success was the wonderful care and early treatment we received upon our diagnoses at the University of Chicago. We were provided appointments with radiologists, oncologists, research specialists, hematologists; the list goes on and on. We felt extremely reassured to be receiving care from world-renowned specialists at a world-class facility.

Several members of my family became part of a longitudinal study led by Dr. Funmi Olapade at the University of Chicago. Dr. Olapade was the recipient of the 2005 MacArthur fellowship award, also known as the "Genius Grant" for her work on innovative clinical practices for breast cancer both in the US & abroad. Her accomplishments are world renowned. It is this caliber of researcher and clinician that is so desperately needed in our own community. A partnership between Silver Cross and the University of Chicago here in New Lenox could fulfill this need to bring medical fellows who show promise for important future advances based on a proven track record of significant accomplishment.

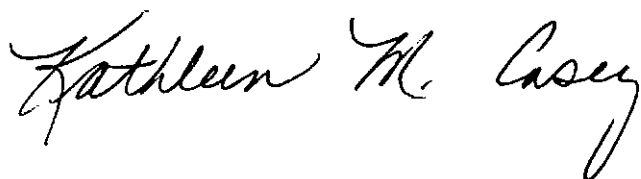
I recently completed 10 years in Dr. Olapade's clinical study group and was immensely reassured during that time that should cancer return to my life, it would be detected early enough to allow me to beat it once again.

There were many frustrating times during my sisters and my treatments. Often we weren't sure if we would survive the surgeries, chemo therapy, radiation treatments, follow-up visits, etc. We didn't know if we would see our children and grandchildren grow up. During the course of my treatment, I was required to undergo 30 daily radiation treatments. This meant leaving work early, driving downtown and returning home during rush hour traffic. One day, after being stuck in traffic, I was late for a treatment. I had to wait until there was a break in the regular schedule before I could be treated. The wait was over 2 hours. I left the hospital frustrated, angry, and prepared to stop my treatments completely. Luckily, my family convinced me to finish what I had started and I completed my treatments. How wonderful it would have been to have a first-class research center in my own back yard to avoid the traffic congestion leading to and from the University of Chicago. The most frustrating part of the time spent with physicians, genetic counselors, etc. was the time consuming commute to and from appointments.

I am 56 years old and have never promoted a cause which required collecting signatures on a petition. I feel so strongly about the need to endorse a University of Chicago and Silver Cross hospital partnership that I asked everyone I worked with to sign my petition showing support for this endeavor. Without hesitation, every one of my co-workers gladly showed encouragement by signing their names. The need for a top-notch research facility in the SW suburbs of Chicago was unequivocally endorsed by all.

It is time for New Lenox to endorse a prestigious joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and the University of Chicago. This business enterprise will benefit not only our community, but those of surrounding areas. A project of this significance will increase the value of our homes and add to the stature of New Lenox as a forward progressing village with outstanding clinical research facilities for our families and citizens. Your support in helping this development come to fruition will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the merits of this project.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen M. Casey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

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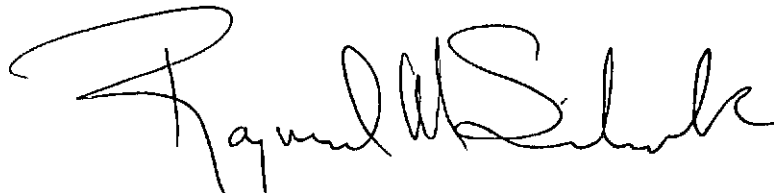
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a patient of Dr. Sarode Pundaleeka of Joliet Oncology/Hematology for 28 years. I have always had a high level of trust in our Doctor-Patient relationship. Moreover, Dr. Pundaleeka has treated me with respect. He takes the time to explain medical conditions and treatment options, never doing so in a hurried manner. Dr. Pundaleeka listens and fully answers any questions I have. I always feel that he really cares about his patients and their well-being.

I have recommended Dr. Pundaleeka to my own Mother, and numerous other friends and acquaintances. He has treated all of these people with the same level of care and respect shown to me. He always makes time for his patients, and has gone the extra mile to ensure that he could fit me in with appointments around my schedule. Dr. Pundaleeka's office is a clean and modern facility, and his staff is always kind and courteous.

In summary, Dr. Pundaleeka is someone I trust with my most important asset – my health. I would send my closest friends to him for treatment without hesitation. While I have seen many physicians during my lifetime, he is the one who stands out as a person who truly cares about his patients, and takes the time necessary to make them feel at ease. He is most certainly an asset to this community, and to any hospital in which he practices medicine.



Raymond M. Sinchak

Dr. Pundaleeka is a brilliant doctor. Five years ago I walked into Plit Oncology and was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. If it weren't for Dr. Pundaleeka and staff I wouldn't be here speaking to you today. When I was diagnosed I thought - how am I going to do this? What if I have to go to Chicago for treatment every day? I knew there was no way I could go to Chicago all the time. Fortunately Dr. Pundaleeka has a wonderful convenient set up. You can go there and everything is all in one place, pharmacy, radiation, chemo, pet scan, cat scan and even a wig and prosthesis shop. This is very important, especially if you need to go everyday for treatment. Most important is how well you are treated and how efficient the staff is.

In closing I would like to say Dr. Pundaleeka takes a bad situation and makes it as easy as can be for the patient. Look at his record with patients. There are people who went elsewhere and were given a month to live and after going to Dr. Pundaleeka it's been ten years and they are still doing well.

Thanks Dr. Pundaleeka for making it so easy to deal with the situation. Thanks for the convenience of your office, but most important thank you for the excellent care and

Compassion you show each and every patient.

Why do we need anyone else when we already have established the best cancer care center with an impeccable record for treatment, care and compassion.

Rosemary Adams



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Good morning – my name is Tim Baldermann and as Mayor of the Village of New Lenox, I would like to take this opportunity to express my strong support to Silver Cross Hospital and the University of Chicago Medical Center for their proposed Cancer Center. I am speaking not only on behalf of myself, but also on behalf of the Trustees of the New Lenox Village Board who have also offered their full support of the proposed project that will be located at Silver Cross Hospital's new campus in our community.

Silver Cross Hospital has been a key partner in promoting health and well being in the New Lenox and the southwest suburbs for many years. We are very excited about Silver Cross Hospital joining forces with the University of Chicago Medical Center to expand their cancer program in this area. In fact, it is shocking to me, that anyone could possibly oppose the expansion of cancer services for residents of our community. Having a choice of providers and additional expertise right here in our neighborhood is of great benefit to all. I strongly support our citizens having access to these services close to home and applaud the University of Chicago and Silver Cross' efforts to make this happen. Both organizations are making a significant investment to improve the health of our community.

All of us on the Village Board have been eagerly watching the new Silver Cross Hospital become a reality – it has been fascinating seeing the new structure take shape. We look forward to the day it opens and know that it will continue to fuel future investment and economic development in our community. Silver Cross Hospital's announcement of their partnership with the University of Chicago Medical Center and the expansion of their services into our community has been very well-received. While we know that cancer patients will directly benefit from the proposed Cancer Center – we also know that it will also have more far reaching benefits, not only for the area immediately surrounding the new facility, but to our local community and the broader region as well. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for the proposed Cancer Center. I urge the Board to approve these needed services.

Mayor Timothy A. Baldermann



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My name is Trisha Keiffer and I'm here to share my personal story. I was diagnosed in August 2006 with the worst news of my life – breast cancer. I was only 35 years old at the time. At that time, I had no health insurance – not even a family doctor. My mom referred me to the free clinic in Joliet so I could have my golf ball-sized tumor checked out. The doctor there referred me to Dr. Daniel Vera – a general surgeon at Silver Cross Hospital. I have to say I was very leery – I didn't understand Medicaid and I thought it would mean that I would get lower standard doctors and care. Dr. Vera took one look at my tumor and said, "I do believe this is cancer. What can I do for you to help right now?" I just sat there in shock – I didn't even cry for a few minutes. His words had just changed my life *forever*.

Since that day I was told I had cancer four years ago, I have had 4 separate diagnoses of cancer that involved nine different surgeries, 38 radiation treatments, 14 cycles of chemo and too many blood tests to

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count. I can honestly say I wouldn't have wanted to have been cared for anywhere else. Every time I had a surgery, I received excellent care and aftercare. Every nurse I've ever had care for me was really kind and compassionate.

Since 2006, my cancer has spread to different parts of my body. I go for my blood draws, chemo and zometta treatments at the outpatient infusion center at Silver Cross. I absolutely love all of the nurses in that unit. I've become a regular there, as much as I don't want to be. They are always happy and upbeat there, which makes it easier for me to go get my treatments. I actually look forward to talking with them. They care about me and I care about them.

One of them in particular, Neda, is the best thing since sliced bread. She is one of only 250 nurses in the whole country that is trained in nursing as well as oncology. She is my favorite because she is so knowledgeable in the field I'm receiving treatment for. I can see the

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compassion in her eyes. She just so happens to also volunteer her time and started a breast cancer support group with others at the hospital. I didn't get much help from the Cancer Society, so I had to search out information and get help on my own. Neda suggested I try out the support group and it turned out to be exactly what I needed. I have the support I need now from the people who understand it best!! I look forward to going to these meetings every month. Finally – I can talk to others just like me!! It has helped me so much.

My breast cancer first spread to my lumbar spine and neck. The next year it went to the t-section of my spine. A month ago, it spread to my liver. I'm currently receiving chemo at the infusion center and so far, I feel great! When I heard at my last support group meeting that the University of Chicago hospital was going to join Silver Cross in a Cancer Center – I was super excited. I know that the U of C hospital does the most phase I testing. That, combined with the knowledge of

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all of the doctors and nurses would be such a great resource for so many people like me! I can't think of anything bad that could come of it! I believe that bringing the U of C team here will allow people that are going north for their care to stay closer to home. They will then see for themselves just how great Silver Cross Hospital is. When you are undergoing cancer treatment – the last thing a patient needs on top of all of the other stresses involved – is to drive long distances for care. I also think that the University of Chicago's knowledge – along with the continuing learning here – can and will benefit so many others like me.

I like to think of myself as a veteran in the field of cancer. I definitely don't know everything by any means, but, I've learned a lot over the years. I, for one, am excited about these two great hospitals coming together to form a Cancer Center. It will benefit so many others like me. I think I will receive even better care at the new facility – if that's even possible!

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I'm a perfect example of beating the odds. My survival has a lot to do with GOD and my own strength and determination to live – but, it's also because of the wonderful team of doctors and nurses and all of their knowledge and medicine that's kept me alive. Please approve the Cancer Center so others like me can benefit from getting the care they need right here.

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My name is Dr. Michael Sass and I am the Superintendent of New Lenox School District 122. As a longtime resident of New Lenox, it has been thrilling to watch the new Silver Cross Hospital taking shape at the corner of Route 6 and Interstate 355. What a bonus it was to hear about the hospital's plans to jointly develop a Cancer Center with the University of Chicago Medical Center on the new campus. I am very happy to be here today to voice my full support for this project.

I know many of the families and children in our school district count on Silver Cross Hospital for their medical care. I also know what a comfort it will be to families in this area to know that such a prestigious cancer program as that offered by the University of Chicago Medical Center will soon be available in New Lenox.

A diagnosis of cancer can have a very disruptive and long-lasting impact on a family – especially children. Unfortunately, for many cancer patients today, they are required to travel long distances to

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downtown Chicago facilities where the majority of specialists are located. I cannot imagine how difficult it would be to endure some of the most invasive treatments in such unfamiliar surroundings and so far from the comforts of home. With University of Chicago cancer specialists and treatments available right here in our community, more patients will be able to get that care much closer to home, giving these patients – especially children – more time to focus on the things that matter most.

Our school district has more than 5,600 students and 600 staff members. Having a 100 Top Hospital like Silver Cross located right here in our community is a definite asset. Adding a cancer program with a national reputation like the University of Chicago Medical Center's will mean even more to residents in our community. Having these two national award-winning organizations make such a significant investment to expand health care services in our community is perhaps

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one of the most important investments we can be making in our
children's future.

I urge you to approve the proposed Cancer Center in New Lenox -
not only for our community residents today but for future generations to
come. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my support for
this project.

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Good morning. My name is **Bettye Curry**. I am a resident of Lemont and have been a patient at Silver Cross Hospital for more than 25 years. In the past few years, I have experienced a real change in the hospital. It seems to be in the “big time” for specialized care and can compete with the top hospitals in the country. I am here today to support the proposed cancer center at Silver Cross Hospital’s campus in New Lenox. I am really excited to learn that the University of Chicago Medical Center’s cancer services will be available in this community.

My daughter was diagnosed with bone cancer in May of 1994. She was just 14 years old and about to graduate from 8th grade. We needed a place that we could put the life of our only child in their hands. We found the University of Chicago and with the ^{help of} Dr. Michael Simon—head of orthopaedics and Dr. Nachman—pediatric oncologist, we have our beautiful 31-year-old alive and well today.

It was a long, hard struggle for us physically, mentally and financially. She had rounds of chemo all summer and in September had her left leg amputated. After surgery, there were further rounds of chemo and numerous trips to Wyler’s Children’s Hospital at U of C.

The long trip from Lemont to downtown Chicago was always filled with anxiety, stress and additional costs of gas, food and parking each time. We would have to take turns missing work because of the long days of treatment and the time commuting. Our little girl was exhausted from the endless hours of chemo, doctors and long days. It would have been a God-send to have a place closer to home with the excellent care received at the University of Chicago.

So, I stand before you today, asking that you allow U of C and Silver Cross build a cancer center in New Lenox so other families will not have to go through what ours did. Thank you.



Good morning. I am Chet Szerlag, representing Dr. Ralph Weichselbaum, chairman of the Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology, at the University of Chicago.

I, Ralph Weichselbaum, am here to express my support for the proposed University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.

As has been noted today, the new Cancer Center will bring the most advanced cancer care in Will County closer to home. For many, this means better access to the latest treatment techniques, including those pioneered at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Today, I would like to share more about these treatments and how it will impact patients who live here. The proposed Cancer Center will have two primary services – an infusion / chemotherapy service and a radiation oncology service, my specialty.

Radiation therapy is a highly technical specialty that requires the utmost precision and close interaction between physicians and medical physicists. This facility will have the newest and best technologies available in the area for treating cancer.

In fact, we just installed a device called the Varian TrueBEAM linear accelerator at the University, one of the first four such devices in the United States. For Silver Cross, a new model will be purchased.

This piece of equipment is one of the best, safest and most precise ways to deliver radiation therapy. It offers the best utility of existing linear accelerators, but with current state of the art Image Guided Radiotherapy (or IGRT) capabilities. What this means is that we can target the treatment to the cancer and limit the exposure of nearby healthy tissues.

Yet, no device can provide optimal treatment on its own. It also requires talented, dedicated, experienced people with years and years of training. Our team of physicians, medical physicists, dosimetrists,

and other technical and clinical personnel will bring a level of precision and expertise that few hospitals, even major academic medical centers, can establish on their own, even if they could afford it.

Unlike many stand-alone practices with limited expertise, our department includes 12 faculty physicians. And all of these resources will be available to the Cancer Center at Silver Cross through on-site and electronic communications.

We are proud to already have collaborative relationships at several locations in the metropolitan area and we look forward to expanding these relationships with physician colleagues at Silver Cross Hospital. Together, we will be able to provide the best treatment options for patients in the Will County area.

Therefore, I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this project. These critical services will enhance patient treatment, and reach them where they need the most care. Thank you for your consideration.

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Hello. My name is Bob Rogina and I am here today to ask you to approve the much needed proposed Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital.

I have lived and worked in Will County my entire life. My late wife, Joen, and I raised our family here. In fact, all five of our sons were born at Silver Cross. I currently volunteer my time as Chairman of the Silver Cross Foundation Board of Directors, so I have first-hand knowledge of what an outstanding hospital Silver Cross is.

When Joen was diagnosed with cancer in 2006, we didn't think twice about where to go for care. Her oncologist and the entire staff at Silver Cross took such great care of her. Unfortunately, her cancer was advanced and there was not much they could do for her at the time. She passed away three years ago.

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I know that the doctors and nurses did everything in their power to save Joen. But, I firmly believe if there was a full-fledged cancer center like the one being proposed with the University of Chicago on the Silver Cross campus, care for all affected citizens of Will County would be impacted in a positive way.

I have heard time and time again that the University of Chicago is one of the best cancer hospitals in the country. Having access to their expertise at our Top 100 community hospital would be so beneficial for other families like mine. I know that if Joen was here today, she would want her friends, family and neighbors to have access to the very best cancer care possible. So, on behalf of my entire family, I ask you to please bring these life-saving services to my hospital and approve their application to build the University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. H. G.', written in a cursive style.



Good morning. My name is John Beberman, and I will be reading on behalf of Everett Vokes, dean and chief executive officer at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

While I am not able to be here in person, I, Everett Vokes, would like to ensure my enthusiastic support for the proposed University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox is recorded at this public hearing.

I believe this Center, if approved, will significantly improve the lives of many Will County and Southwest Cook County residents. And I very much look forward to making the proposed Cancer Center a vital asset for this community.

As the interim dean and chief executive officer of the University of Chicago Medical Center and practicing oncologist, I understand both the value of a strong partnership with Silver Cross Hospital as well as

the great, beneficial impact a new Cancer Center will have on patient's lives when located close to their home.

Broadly speaking, the proposed Cancer Center will bring advanced treatment protocols to the Silver Cross Hospital campus currently only available at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

In fact, when it comes to comprehensive cancer care, our program is among the top in the nation and unmatched in Illinois. By harnessing the combined clinical and research expertise of University of Chicago Medical Center and Silver Cross physicians, patients will receive and have better access to the best cancer care possible.

Specifically, the University of Chicago has more than 150 clinical cancer specialists and subspecialists with expertise ranging from the most common -- such as breast, prostate, and colon cancer -- to less common cancers -- including Ewing sarcoma, hairy cell leukemia, and mesothelioma.

In addition, we have been a leader in cancer research for decades, making fundamental discoveries in the molecular genetics of cancers,

cancer immunology, hormonal therapy, bone marrow transplantation, cell signaling, and advanced imaging techniques. By locating a new center at Silver Cross Hospital, the latest therapeutics based on these discoveries will now be available to those patients who need such specialized care without having to travel to Chicago to get it.

While the University of Chicago Medical Center serves the most complex needs of patients throughout the Midwest and beyond on our main campus, we seek to partner with community physicians and hospitals to ensure that patients receive care in the most appropriate setting, which is most often in **their** community.

As the Board may be aware, the University of Chicago Medical Center provided more care to Medicaid recipients in 2008 than any other Illinois hospital except John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County. We have also embarked on an ambitious initiative to transform access to care and improve the health status in the neighborhoods surrounding our main campus. Silver Cross has led similar initiatives and developed strong partnerships with community organizations.

This is why I am delighted to be working with Silver Cross Hospital, an institution with the same commitment and dedication to community service.

Cancer strikes people in all walks of life and at any age. Through community outreach efforts and new partnerships, we have a tremendous opportunity to enhance cancer prevention and increase access to the best and most appropriate cancer care.

My faculty physician colleagues and I look forward to collaborating with Silver Cross physicians, patients, and their families.

And I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Good morning – my name is Jim Roof and I'm the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Silver Cross Hospital. I have had a long-standing relationship with Silver Cross Hospital – having served on its Board of Directors in one capacity or another over the past approximate 8 years. I am here on behalf of our Board to voice overwhelming support for The University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox. We are very proud that we are joining forces with the University of Chicago Medical Center to provide world-class cancer care right here in our own community.

Silver Cross Hospital is situated in Will County and the County:

- U.S. Census Bureau estimates suggest Will Co will rank #2 in 2030 - if the projection is off by 50% it will still rank as #3
- the fastest growing county in IL (36.5% --2000-2009 est.)
- one of the 20 fastest growing counties in the U.S.
- ranks as one of the 100 most populous counties in the U.S.

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Will County's tremendous growth and the strong projections that I have described I believe placed a mandate on the Board to ensure that we continue to provide quality health care in our community. The Board explored numerous options for providing cancer services at our campus in New Lenox. We sent out requests for proposals to academic medical centers for the purposes of jointly developing a cancer treatment center. Our Board spent a considerable amount of time – more than nine months to be exact – diligently reviewing several proposals. Although our analysis was deliberate, our decision to jointly work with The University of Chicago Medical Center was an easy one. They are consistently ranked as the premier hospital for cancer treatment in Illinois. They offer more clinical trials than any other provider in our region. They are also one of only two programs in Illinois designated by the National Cancer Institute as an official Comprehensive Cancer Center. This designation requires a substantial commitment to cancer research,

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professional and public education and dissemination of clinical and public health advances in the community. Their faculty members are recognized as national leaders by their peers and they have a long history of teaming with community physicians and hospitals in research and patient care.

Our Board's mission is to ensure that we continue to provide a superior level of quality health care in our community. It is clear that the University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital will offer an unprecedented level of cancer expertise in our own community. Collectively, Silver Cross Hospital and the University of Chicago Medical Center are committed today to begin to create a legacy that will continue for generations to come.

We look forward to having our project approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board in October. Personally, I'd

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like to thank the Board for giving us this opportunity to be heard here
today and to voice strong support for this project.

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My name is Herbert Brooks, Jr. and I'm the pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Joliet. I'm also a member of the Will County Board from District 8 – having served in that capacity since 2008. I am also a member of Silver Cross Hospital's Healthy Community Commission. I'm very honored to be here today to voice my overwhelming support for Silver Cross Hospital and The University of Chicago Medical Center in their plans to develop a Cancer Center in New Lenox.

In my role as pastor of St. John Church – I have seen my share of parishioners and their families struggle with cancer. It can have a very devastating and long-lasting impact on a family. The emotional toll can be just as invasive as the physical one. More services for cancer are needed in this area and the proposed facility will benefit so many. We applaud Silver Cross Hospital and The University of Chicago Medical Center for joining forces in this venture.

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I know this project will be successful. I have worked with Silver Cross Hospital on the Healthy Community Commission now for the last three years. Over that time, I have personally witnessed Silver Cross Hospital *deliver on every promise* they have made to our community. They are working with my community to provide educational scholarships for residents of the eastside of Joliet. They successfully worked with Aunt Martha's Youth Services who will soon be establishing a federally qualified health center on their Joliet campus. And, they are working with community leaders – like me and the other members of the Healthy Community Commission – to help decide what will happen with the Joliet campus, once the hospital relocates to New Lenox. They are giving us a voice in what happens in our own community. This project is just another example of Silver Cross' commitment – it is all about *expanding* cancer services in our area.

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Please approve the Cancer Center in New Lenox. We simply
should not deny access for our residents.

Herbert Brooks - 815-726-7080.
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I'm Val Rand, owner of Rand's Hallmark a 15 store chain located thru-out Will and adjoining counties, for the resale of social communication products.

I am honored to write and speak in favor of Silver Cross Hospital plans to construct a 20,000 sq. ft. building for housing the University of Chicago's medical cancer center.

Silver Cross's position at 355 & route 6 is a prominent, state-of-the-art facility standing out as a dominant Medical facility. It's dominance is enhanced by it's ability to be awarded 6 years continuously – the Reuthers Top 100 Hospital , in it's class throughout the nation. It's customer service reputation excels as one of the highest nation wide. (We all know that a positive attitude prevailing in any endeavor, including healing – accelerates in conjunction with degrees of attitude and Silver Cross has proven this point often these past 6 years.)

Allowing Silver Cross to progress with the relationship with the University of Chicago Cancer Center only benefits the people of the Will and adjoining counties – no more need to travel to Chicago, instead – THE BEST AVAILABLE TREATMENT is HERE in their local home towns. What a great reward for the people of Will and adjoining counties who have been waiting for this for a long, long time.

Cancer invades many families – my own included. (Mother died of cancer complications. We also had to travel to Chicago. This was quite a few years ago, but the

memory of the exhaustion from the travel alone will never be forgotten – only to have the BEST in your own hometown –CLOSE –what a blessing!

Realizing that in the last 7 years the incident of cancer has increased 42% and 70% of the local residents have/do leave their local communities for Chicago – Having Silver Cross and the University of Chicago Medical Cancer Center teaming up to bring the BEST to our people is WHAT IS RIGHT for the people who have waited all these years.

Being able to have the University of Chicago Medical Cancer Center, they being ranked as one of the best cancer centers by U.S. News and World Report will certainly be positive for New Lenox as the place to live in and around.

I plead that this proposed Cancer Center, that will bring the BEST in Radiation Oncology (state of the art linear acceleration with Image Guided Radiation Therapy); Medical oncology, chemotherapy and infusion; cancer support groups, prevention and screenings; coordination of care; and Clinical Trials be brought to us, the citizens of New Lenox and surrounding areas.

Please, do what is necessary – VOTE YES – to make this happen.

THANK YOU & sincerely,

Val Rand

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Hello. My name is **Lonnie Polhemus**. I am the manager of the Will-Grundy Emergency Medical Services System. For 35 years, the Will-Grundy EMS system has provided the highest quality of pre-hospital patient care. We operate out of Silver Cross, which is our state-designated resource hospital, and have trained thousands of paramedics, EMTs, Nurses and first responders with 32 local fire department and ambulance services.

On behalf of my providers, I am here today to express our strong support for Silver Cross Hospital and the University of Chicago Medical Center to build a state-of-the-art Cancer Center right here in New Lenox.

As first responders, our top priority is to stabilize patients and transport them to the nearest hospital for emergent medical care. As you can imagine, these patients are feeling very vulnerable and scared. They trust that we will do everything in our power to make sure that they arrive safely with the best chance for a full recovery.

Manytimes, we are called out to render care to patients suffering with cancer who are too sick to drive to the hospital or are too sick to ride with family members.

As caregivers, we want these patients to get the very best medical care. Many times, these patients are transported to Silver Cross. As you have already heard today, Silver Cross has been named one of the 100 Top Hospitals in the country for the past six years for their high clinical quality, safety and service. Undoubtedly, Silver Cross is an excellent community hospital, but like many other area hospitals, they don't have all the services that are readily available at large academic medical centers like University of Chicago; especially when it comes to cancer care.

UCMC is highly regarded by EMS providers as one of—if not the best Chicago area hospital for its comprehensive cancer care program. Yet because of their location, the patients we see currently don't have an opportunity to benefit from UCMC's expertise—which is really unfortunate.

However, if you approve this application, cancer patients will have access to two of the finest hospitals in the country close to home on the Silver Cross Replacement Hospital campus. Patients transported to Silver Cross and the EMS providers who are trusted to provide high quality care will be able to take advantage of UCMC's protocols and therapies both in the field and upon arrival in the emergency department. By improving access for patients with this new facility, we will be able to provide the very best cancer care and treatment for Will and Grundy county residents.

On behalf of the Will-Grundy EMS System, thank you for your thoughtful consideration as to what is best for our patients.

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Good morning. My name is **Debra Hypke** and I am the Chief Executive Officer for the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the businesses we serve, I am here today to support the proposed Cancer Center on the Silver Cross Hospital replacement campus.

Bringing the expertise of the University of Chicago to our local community will be of great benefit to our members—especially those businesses with employees suffering from cancer. Having the best treatment care available right here in our community will be a tremendous help to patients, as well as to their friends and families who support them through treatment. In addition, the close proximity of the Cancer Center will dramatically decrease lost work time for individuals who otherwise would have to leave the community for lifesaving cancer treatments and therapies. Having a state-of-the-art Cancer Center nearby will help already struggling businesses in our community.

Silver Cross Hospital has been a valuable and active member of the Chamber for many years. Silver Cross has provided leadership at every level of the organization including the Board of Directors, and have supported local business through the Chamber's numerous activities. We continue to support and watch the

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Good morning, my name is Randall Lowman and I reside at 1163 Yamma Ridge in New Lenox, Illinois. Additionally I serve as the Economic Development Director for the Village of New Lenox. I appreciate the opportunity to speak today to offer my support to both Silver Cross Hospital and the University of Chicago Medical Center for their upcoming cancer treatment center project that is designated for development at the I-355 and U.S. Route 6 Interchange on the new Silver Cross Hospital Campus.

At the age of thirteen and over forty years ago, I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. I received numerous types of treatments and took many different medications, but the condition and symptoms remained. Can you imagine the fear that I endured when my doctor explained to me the probable outcome of my condition? And the worry of my mother for the safe and future well-being of her oldest child? Cancer was a likely death sentence in the late 1960's for children with the diagnosis that I received, and treatments were generally unsuccessful, and mortality rates were very high. MORTALITY. I was one of the few and fortunate survivors of this disease, as my surgery and treatments proved to be successful. And this reminds me of a poem that I remember as a child as I waited for the treatments and surgery to heal me: "What we call luck is simply pluck and doing things over and over. Courage and Will, Perseverance and Skill are the 4 leafs of luck's clover".

The New Lenox area is blessed and grateful that Silver Cross Hospital has formulated a relationship with the University of Chicago for their proposed cancer treatment center. Silver Cross Hospital has invested time and money in order to provide essential health care services for many decades in the New Lenox and Joliet area. This commitment is strengthened by the partnership that was recently forged with the University of Chicago to offer expanded cancer treatment care and services in both our local community, and the expansive Will County area.

The addition of the University of Chicago Cancer Treatment Center on the new Silver Cross Hospital Replacement Campus will eliminate the inconvenience and uncertainty that patients encounter when no specialized local treatment services are available to the unfortunate victims of the strong and sometimes deadly grip of cancer. Cancer patients will now have the opportunity to receive specialized treatments and procedures on the local Silver Cross Hospital Campus and eliminate the unnecessary need to travel long distances to unfamiliar areas for cancer care. The quality of life for future cancer patients will be enhanced with the services the University of Chicago will provide, and eliminate the uncertainty for families who instead can focus on the healing of their afflicted family member.

Quality of life is enhanced by the availability of essential and specialized health care services; this vital benefit will act as a catalyst for future growth and development of necessary services both in the health care profession and other supportive activity and services as well. The University of Chicago is the most qualified health care provider available to team with Silver Cross Hospital to provide specialized cancer treatment care in our community.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to review this application in a prudent and timely manner in order that construction of the cancer treatment center is completed to coincide with the opening of the Silver Cross Hospital replacement facility in February 2012.

It is unfortunate that any person or family is faced to endure the physical and mental pain and anguish that is associated with the diagnosis of cancer and the treatment of this now highly curable disease.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments of support and testimony today, and I look forward to the future opening of the Silver Cross Hospital and University of Chicago Cancer Treatment Center on our new local hospital campus in February 2012.



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Aug. 30, 2010

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RE: The University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital – New Lenox
(Project # 10-049)

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing to express my overwhelming support for The University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox. Will County residents who are suffering with cancer – along with their families and friends who support them throughout their diagnosis and treatment – will benefit greatly from the proposed facility.

Will County continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in Illinois. In fact, it is estimated that by 2014, we will have more than 750,000 residents—many age 65 and older. Today, one of the leading causes of death in Will County is cancer—a disease affecting primarily older people. Yet 70 percent of cancer patients are leaving the area for care. Bringing one of the best cancer programs in the nation to the new Silver Cross Hospital campus, seated in the heart of our county, would save these patients long and often times frequent commutes to unfamiliar locations.

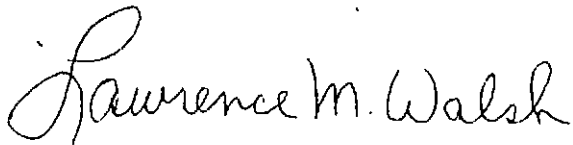
The University of Chicago Medical Center is highly regarded and, according to the *U.S. News & World Report*, is consistently ranked as one of the best cancer hospitals in the nation. Silver Cross Hospital has been recognized a “100 Top Hospital” award winner for the last six consecutive years and is one of the leading providers of healthcare in the area. Combined, these two hospitals will expand access, improve coordination, and enhance the overall quality of cancer care that is available in our county. Silver Cross and the University of Chicago Medical Center

are making significant investments in facilities and equipment to bring the best cancer care to Will County.

Furthermore, the construction of the \$21 million, 20,000 sq. ft. Cancer Center would help to stimulate our local economy by creating hundreds of construction and healthcare jobs. With the current Silver Cross replacement hospital more than halfway completed, many local families have already greatly benefited from the jobs that have already been created.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve Silver Cross and the University of Chicago Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to build a cancer center in New Lenox. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence M. Walsh". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Opposition of the University of Chicago Cancer Center/ Silver Cross Hospital – New Lenox (Project #10-049)

September 9, 2010

Dr. Michael Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Section
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Dear Mr. Constantino:

As residents of the Will County area, we were shocked and dismayed to discover that University of Chicago Cancer Center would be joining Silver Cross Hospital Center in New Lenox. We strongly object to this proposal. We have here, in Joliet a great cancer treatment facility, the Hoffman Cancer Center. They have state of the art equipment and a dedicated highly knowledgeable, friendly and compassionate staff. Dr. Asaad is a compassionate and caring physician, whom I would trust to give the best care to my loved one, should they be diagnosed with cancer. Dr. Asaad has been providing services to this location for over 30 years. I feel the proposed center would be an unnecessary expense and duplication of service.

Sincerely:

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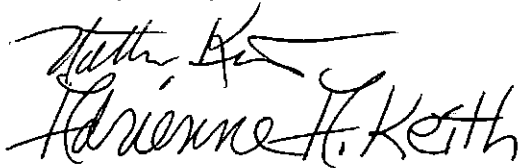
Dear Mr. Constantino,

This letter is written in support of the application of Silver Cross Hospital to construct a cancer treatment facility adjacent to their replacement hospital. I make this recommendation based on a strong personal belief that this facility will improve the lives of thousands of individuals in the near future. Proximity to care is so important to so many people and this facility will provide help within a reasonable commute for so many individuals.

My wife was diagnosed with cancer in October of 2009 at Silver Cross and the availability of quality chemo-therapy and radiation oncology was critical to her survival. If we had had to travel to Chicago on a daily basis for the six weeks of chemo-therapy and radiation treatments I know it would have put much more extreme pressure on my wife and I shudder to think what may have occurred. Having this high quality treatment available locally was a godsend.

There is no doubt in my mind that approval of this application with U of C and Silver Cross Hospital will benefit so many people and will also enhance the medical care environment of the greater Joliet area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Handwritten signatures of Nathan and Adrienne Keith. The signature for Nathan is on top, and the signature for Adrienne is below it. Both are written in cursive.

Nathan & Adrienne Keith



Good morning. My name is Jamie Bachman, and I'll be reading on Richard Schilsky's behalf, who is the Section Chief of Hematology/Oncology at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

I, Richard Schilsky, have been teaching and practicing hematology/oncology for 29 years, including 26 years at the University.

I would like to voice my support for the proposed University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox and ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this critical project.

As a practicing oncologist, I understand the difficulty and anxiety that a cancer diagnosis brings to patients and their families. It can be an overwhelming feeling often compounded by the added stress of seeking and accessing successful treatments. It is during this difficult time that receiving care close to home in a familiar setting can make a difference. For some patients, this can be a significant benefit.

Today, I would like to speak to two areas of cancer care that make the important partnership between the University of Chicago Medical

Center and Silver Cross Hospital better for patients who live in the community: **Research and Clinical Trials.**

When it comes to complex cancer care, the University of Chicago Medical Center is at the forefront of developing critical breakthroughs in research, including the investigation of breast, head and neck, lung, kidney, and prostate cancers, leukemia, mesothelioma, and cancer genetics.

However, we know that this research needs to be accessible to those who may not live in Chicago. In fact, national organizations, two of which I have led, espouse the rapid dissemination of clinical research into community-based settings to meet the growing demand for personalized cancer care.

I was elected to the 2008-2009 annual term as president of ASCO, the national professional organization for oncologists and I have also served as chair of Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB), a National Cancer Institute-sponsored clinical trials group, for over a decade.

This large national cooperative comprises a network of 30 university medical centers, more than 200 community hospitals and medical groups, and 3,000 physicians who collaborate in clinical research studies aimed at reducing the mortality from cancer, relating the biological characteristics of cancer to clinical outcomes, and

developing new strategies for early detection and prevention of cancer.

The University of Chicago Medical Center, through our partnership with Silver Cross Hospital is committed to bringing this benefit to the Will County area.

Another important aspect to cancer care includes clinical trials. The University of Chicago maintains the largest number of active clinical trials for the treatment of cancer in Illinois and we expect to bring a wide range of these trials to Silver Cross, including many developed by the physician scientists at the University of Chicago.

Will County area patients will also have access to clinical trials through national cooperative cancer research consortia, including the Cancer and Leukemia Group B, the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group, the Gynecology Oncology Group, and the Children's Oncology Group, and the University of Chicago Phase II Consortium. University of Chicago physicians hold leadership positions in many of these groups and have developed many of these multi-center trials.

For these reasons and more, we look forward to working with our colleagues at Silver Cross Hospital to determine the best treatment options for our patients and offer the most advanced cancer care in Will County.

This enhanced coordination of care and improved communication among the many physicians and other clinical professionals are what complex cancer patients rely on. And it is for them and their families that we ask for the Service Review Board's support.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

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James Moustis, Will County Board Chairman
RE: Silver Cross Hospital Project 10-049

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**Public Hearing Testimony
September 10, 2010
Of**

**James Moustis, Chairman of the Will County Board
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432**

Good morning. My name is **James Moustis** and I am the Chairman of the Will County Board. I am here today to express my unwavering support for the proposed University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital.

Not long ago, the Will County Board whole-heartedly supported Silver Cross in its efforts to improve the quality of healthcare for all the residents of Will County by building a \$400 million replacement hospital. Today, that facility is more than 60 percent complete and scheduled to open in early 2012. Now, we have a chance to help area residents battling cancer by allowing Silver Cross and the University of Chicago Medical Center to build a state-of-the-art Cancer Center in New Lenox. I truly believe that this Cancer Center will greatly benefit current and future families.

Will County continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in Illinois.

In fact, by the year 2014 we anticipate a population of more than 900,000 residents. Unfortunately, the leading cause of death in our county continues to be cancer.

If we have any chance of decreasing the incidence of cancer in Will County, we need to bring the services that academic medical centers in Chicago have to our community. And there is no better location than the new Silver Cross Hospital campus seated in the heart of our county at I-355 and Route 6 in New Lenox. Not only is the location convenient for cancer patients, but Silver Cross is one of the 100 top hospitals in the country.

I can only imagine how difficult and painful these long and frequent commutes to the city can be, and how challenging it is for their loved ones who take care of them to have to juggle their work and family obligations in order to coordinate transportation. Now, we have a chance to help not only these families by bringing a top-notch cancer facility to the area, but also put to work hundreds of Will County residents to build and help operate this \$21 million facility. It is unfathomable to me, that anyone, especially a physician, would oppose new medical services for our community.

Public Hearing Testimony September 10, 2010
James Moustis, Will County Board Chairman
RE: Silver Cross Hospital Project 10-049

By approving this application to build the University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross, you will be improving access to and coordination of cancer care as well as stimulating our local economy. This truly is a win-win for all Will County residents.

I hope you will consider what is best for the citizens of Will County and I urge you to approve this application.

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September 8, 2010

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Supervisor, Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62781

Re: The University of Chicago Cancer Center at Silver Cross Hospital - New Lenox (Project #10-049)

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing to object to the planned cancer center by the University of Chicago and Silver Cross Hospital, which would result in the replacement of the Hoffman Cancer Center. The Hoffman Cancer Center has offered state-of-the-art treatment for many years and has been a reliable center to which I can refer patients and rely on excellent radiotherapy.

As a former faculty member of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and as a current faculty member of Rush University Medical School, I have a longstanding relationship with the Hoffman Cancer Center. We will often plan treatments together, allowing patients to receive most of, or all of, their therapy in a comfortable, caring center close to home. Patients have an identifiable physician, upon whom they can rely. The radiation therapy facility is new and up-to-date. The equipment there is equal to most large radiation therapy facilities in the area and the physical support enviable. The physicians consult the universities frequently in complicated or controversial areas and, when appropriate, refer those individuals for more complicated treatments. They often avail themselves of technologies available at the university medical centers.

In response to the letter from Dr. Weicholsbaum from the University of Chicago, the proposed technology for radiotherapy is attractive, but not necessarily the most appropriate for many radiotherapy treatments. In fact, the cost of treatment will increase, without justification or superiority in the medical literature. The novel treatments referred to his letter are commonly used in the community and not all were developed at the University of Chicago. The physicians at the Hoffman Cancer Center have a good working relationship with other physicians in the area, imperative in a world of multidisciplinary cancer care. This may not happen with new physicians in the area that may appear to be a threat to their medical practices.

The Hoffman Cancer Center is a well-established, respected entity in the area. Many physicians in Chicago refer their patients who live in the area there. I have personally reviewed treatment plans and find no difference to what I would deliver with "superior" technology. I have much respect for the work done by the University of Chicago. However, I only see the cost of cancer care increasing with this proposed facility.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Krystyna D. Kiel'.

Krystyna D. Kiel, MD

Cc: Dr. Safwa Asaad

Sep. 8. 2010 2:20PM

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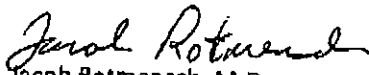
Mr. Mike Constantino
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Illinois Health Service Review Board
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Springfield, IL. 62761
Fax: 217-785-4111

Dear Mr. Constantino:

It has come to my attention that a radiation facility has been proposed by the University of Chicago. It has been proposed that such a center would provide the residents of the southwest suburbs access to the latest treatment techniques. I have been servicing the residents in gynecologic oncology of the southwest suburbs for over 20 years. The radiation facility offered by Joliet Radiation Oncology and Hoffman Cancer Center by Dr. Assad, offers similar services as the university centers and larger hospitals in the area. Many times when patients who live in the Joliet area are unable to be treated at Rush, we have referred them to Dr. Assad for gynecologic oncology radiation.

Our plan is to continue to refer patients to this facility since we have been very pleased with the clinical results. It is my impression that the proposed center by the University of Chicago will duplicate services already available.

Sincerely,


Jacob Rotmensch, M.D.
Gynecologic Oncology
Rush Medical Center

Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 21:23:09 -0400

In 1971 I began my medical career as a Family Practitioner at Hedges Clinic in Frankfort, Il. and have been there ever since. Over the years I have referred essentially all of the patients needing "cancer care" to local physicians who offer such services. Almost all of those have been to the Hoffman Cancer Care Center in Joliet, Illinois. I, and they, have never been disappointed.

There are two reasons for this. First is the competence of the physicians and health professionals involved locally. Second, and most importantly, the essentially 100% satisfaction expressed by the patients; never have I had a patient express a negative comment relative to the service and care they had received. All of these patients were treated by physicians at the Hoffman Cancer Center. However, they universally lauded the care they received from Dr. Asaad.

Personally, about three years ago I became disabled with cancer. I couldn't imagine any other physician I would entrust my care to other than Dr. Asaad. She treated me with her usual CARING and expertise and I'm still here and happy. What more could anyone ask?

It appears that some entities at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet want to establish a University of Chicago "affiliated-managed-controlled" cancer treatment center in New Lenox, Il. with the possible/probable elimination of the excellent services already provided to the citizens of Will County by the local physicians who, for years, have achieved and maintained a caring and appreciated contribution to the community.

I have never involved myself in hospital "politics"...I just make "rounds," see and treat patients. Yet it seems to me that an elimination of the the ONGOING cancer care facilities would be a huge mistake. If this is allowed to go through, I will follow Dr. Asaad for the treatment of my cancer wherever she may go. She KNOWS me as she does so many of her patients. To put those patients into the "turmoil" of medical system instead of an established local and time-proven relationship would be inexcusable.

Please consider this opinion from someone who has "seen it from both sides."

Robert T. Moll, MD
20827 Briarwood Lane
Mokena, Illinois 60448

Date: 9/2/10

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Sincerely,

Donna M. Kolb

Name:

Donna M. Kolb

Address:

1905 Brockway St. Joliet, IL 60431

I am completely satisfied
with the skills, professionalism and
personalism the entire staff have
showed / provided my husband and
myself.

Date: Sept 2, 2010

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Sincerely,

Chris G. Kolb

Name:

Chris G Kolb

Address:

1905 Brockway St

Joliet, IL 60431

We need the Hoffman Cancer Center and their warm, wonderful staff that treated me with respect and friendship. Their staging and radiation treatments were top-notch and life saving. Dr. Asaad is highly intelligent, with great bedside manner, and made an excellent treatment plan.

I would hate to see our community lose such an asset that is established, needed here, and respected.

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Sincerely,

Name: Dominic A. De Santis, Jr.

Address: 183 Periwinkle LN.
Bolingbrook, IL 60490

Date: 9/2/10

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Sincerely,

Name: Shelly DeSanti
Address: 183 Periwinkle Lane
Bolingbrook, IL 60490
Shelly DeSanti

Date: 9/3/10

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Sincerely,

Name: Joshua F. Serrato *Joshua F. Serrato*
Address: 815 Audrey Ave
Joliet, IL, 60436

Date: 9/2/10

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Sincerely,

Name: Charlie V Burke
Address: 224 Henderson
Joliet Ill 60432

Date: 9-3-10

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Sincerely,

Name:

Rebel J. Sargent

Address:

2819 HAWKSHIRE DR.

NEW LENOX, IL 60451

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Name:

JOAN E. ATCHEY *Joan E. Atchey*

Address:

1221 VISTA DR.
WILMINGTON, IL 60481

Date: 9/2/10

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Sincerely,

Name: Cheryl L. Kostei

Address: 13513 Parkspur Dr.
Homer Glen, IL 60491

I have had a complete hysterectomy at the University of Chicago & opted for follow up treatment through Silver Cross. I just completed the radiology treatments and I am doing well.

Cheryl Kostei

Date: 9/7/10

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Sincerely,

Name:

Betty Whitford

Address:

810 Peale St

Joliet IL

60433

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Sincerely,

Name: Ma Hawkins

Address: 30 Iowa Ave

Soliet Ill 60433

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Sincerely,

Name:

Jodi Marshall

Address:

8833 169th St.

Orland Hills, IL 60487

Date: 9/17/2010

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Sincerely,

Name:

Margaret W. Marshall

Address:

11644 Brookwood Dr.

Orland Park, IL 60467

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Name:

Carol Y Jones

Address:

222 Hammes Ave

JOLIET IL 60435

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Sincerely,

Name:

Karen Walker

Address:

513 Sebring Ave.

Joliet, IL 60436

815 722-2768

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Sincerely,

Name: Ms Beverly A. Lopez

Address: 221 S. Biggs St.

Johnston, Ill. 60433-1303

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Dr. Asood + his staff. There is
no reason to change hands

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John Orr

Address:

11340 Wildermy Lane
Morena, AZ 85448

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Address: 20011 White Pine
Morena, IL 60448

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Name:

Sail A. Katyonico

Address:

11340 Wildberry Lane
Marena, IL 60448

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Name: SUSAN ORR

Address: 12400 WOLF RD.

PALOS PARK IL 60464

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Name: JEFF VALENTINE

Address: 2034 TANKA RD.

CHANNON, IL.

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Name: BONNIE VALENTINE

Address: 2034 TONKA RD.

CHANNANON, IL.

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Address: 11340 Wildberry Lane
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Name: Lillie Irene Rushing

Address: 2103 NEWPORT DR
JOLIET IL. 60431

THIS IS A TERRIBLE IDEA FOR THE
JOLIET COMMUNITY AND THE PATIENTS,
BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF THE
HOFFMAN CANCER CENTER

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Sincerely,

Name: _____

Jean M Lees

Address: _____

21104 W. Cypress Ct

Plainfield IL 60544

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Sincerely, Elizabeth Warwick

Name: Elizabeth Warwick

Address: 22305 Penn Ln
Claxton IL 60440

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Name: Laney Iuda RN, Hospice Case Mgr.
Address: 2103 Newport Drive
Joliet IL 60431

Dr. Assad 9/8/10

Deanna - Carol

Kathy - Dawn

Barb - Leslie

I want to support you 100% in your
Effort to keep your Cancer Center in
its present place. I will not be able
to attend your meeting but will be
behind your Effort. I will always
remember all of you for what you
have done for me. I'm feeling pretty
good for an old man. I'll be 86 on Dec
4th. It's been almost 3 yrs since I've
been up to see all of you but hope to get
up there real soon. I'm having a Strest
Test in a couple of days so hope it turns
out okay so take care and hope
to see you real soon!!

Warren Blake

Date: _____

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Sincerely,

Name:


Nahla Merhi

Address:

1301 Copperfield Ave Suite 113
Joliet IL 60432

Date: 9-9-10

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Name: _____

Desiree Sons

Address: _____

695 Clinton St.

Lockport, IL 60441

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Name:

Teri Schulz

Address:

908 Stafford Ct.

New Lenox, Ill. 60451

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Name: *James Poyles*

Address: *305 Andrew Ave*

1 Dwight, IL 60920

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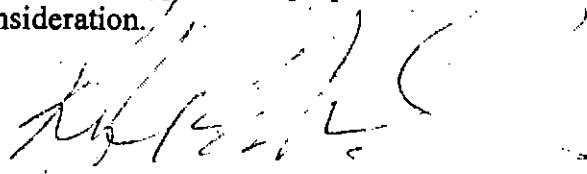
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Name:

Kyle E. WARRAS

Address:

29 WARRAS AVE

NEW LENOX, IL 62451

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Name: Bertarn J Schull
Address: 595 Prairie Crossing Dr.
New Lenox IL 60451

Abraham Cancer Center / Dr. Asaad
Radiation Oncologist has been
in practice over 25 years &
the only Radiation Clinic at
Silver Cross Hospital. Why should
this clinic be excluded by Silver Cross
Hospital & substituted by U of Chicago?
What is the purpose of this??

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Address: 208 W HAMM AVE

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Jeanne Richard

Name:

Jeanne Bill Patchard

Address:

136 Oakview Drive

New Lenox, IL 60451

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