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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I write in opposition to the merger of Chicago's Holy Cross Hospital with Sinai Health System.

Such a merger would negate the spirit of cooperation between the hospital and Chicagoland's Lithuanian community. This relationship began in 1928 as a partnership between the Sisters of St. Casimir and the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Assistance Society. Chicago's Lithuanians have supported Holy Cross Hospital morally and financially for over eighty years.

It has come to my attention that the fact of Lithuanian community collaboration with Holy Cross Hospital is being denied by some of the parties involved. Our Research Center possesses material which proves otherwise.

I urge the Board to reject the merger. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Vitas, Ph.D.,
Chairman of the Board

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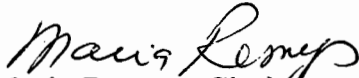
**LITHUANIAN – AMERICAN COMMUNITY, INC.
CICERO CHAPTER, Illinois**

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Il. 62761

RE: Applicant 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital/Chicago

This is my opposing letter the outright giving of an 82 million hospital
and office complex to Sinai Health for gratis.

Sincerely,


Maria Remys, Chairperson
2841 Denton Ct
Westchester, IL 60154

November 18, 2012

Rev. Kestutis A. Trimakas, Ph.D.
2830 Denton Court
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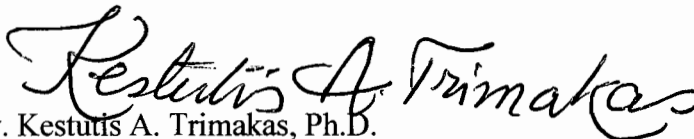
RE: Applicant 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital/ Chicago

Dear Ms Courtney Avery,

In my name and in the name of my Lithuanian Community in Cicero which I represent, I express a strong opposition to the outright giving of an 82 million hospital and office complex to Sinai Health for gratis.

The reason of the opposition: Some financial compensation should be made to the Lithuanian community in Chicago area which donated the money to build the hospital. The topic of the compensation should be addressed to Dr. Linas Sidrys (cf. his letter).

Sincerely,



Rev. Kestutis A. Trimakas, Ph.D.
Lithuanian Ministry
St. Anthony Parish, 1510 S. 49th Ct. Cicero, IL 60804

Victor Motusis
1621 S. 61st Ave
Cicero, IL 60804

November 16, 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Applicant 12-079 HCH/Chicago

Dear Members of the Ill. Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I am against the proposed merger of Holy Cross Hospital
with Mt. Sinai.

I have been a patient of HCH physicians for years.

This hospital was founded by the Lithuanian-American community
and should now be returned to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Charities.

Respectfully,



Anthony Pauzuolis,
7149 S.Millard Av.
Chicago,IL.60629

Dear ms Courtney Avery.

THE Hospital was build by the efforts of Lithuanian Roman Catholic charities and their members donation. I ,as member of this organization, OPOSE THE TRANSFER to non Catholic organization.

Truly Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Pauzuolis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Anthony Pauzuolis".

Chicago, 11-19 - 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services
Review Board.

Dear M. C. Avery

I just want to express my opinion and tell you that I am against the merge of the Holy Cross Hospital in Marquette Park with the Mount Sinai Health Hospitals complex.

The Holy Cross Hospital was born from the ideal of a group of Roman Catholic Lithuanians dedicated to charities.

It is important to us that the hospital continues to exercise the Catholic Faith.

Please, take it for consideration. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Lescinskas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Angela Lescinskas

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Joseph Kulys
6931 South Rockwell Avenue
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November 16, 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
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RE: Applicant 12-079 HCH/Chicago

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

The proposed assignment of Holy Cross Hospital to the Mount Sinai group is a wrong-headed decision, precipitously being made without full disclosure and community participation.

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As a longtime resident of the southwest side of Chicago I am intimately familiar with the history and operation of Holy Cross Hospital. It is a unique Catholic institution since it was initiated and founded by the laity. Loyal citizens, hardworking immigrants, literally laid the foundation for the establishment of the hospital and then entrusted its management and care to the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Inherent Contradiction

In this instance this trust is being violated and thus this letter is submitted in opposition to the proposed transfer of Holy Cross Hospital to Mount Sinai. Mount Sinai, which will become the sole corporate member, has had no substantive historical or foundational connection with Holy Cross Hospital. Not only is there a failure in a foundational context but there is a fundamental contradiction in the philosophies and ethical norms espoused by each of these entities. The difference is most starkly seen in the radically different views regarding the inception of life and norms dealing with its preservation. This inherent contradiction cannot be reconciled and is doomed to failure. One cannot serve two masters.

An 82 million Dollar Giveaway

Thus the proposed giveaway of an 82 million dollar asset (Holy Cross Hospital) to an entity that is antithetical to Holy Cross's very essence is a gross violation of Holy Cross's mission and exhibits a brazen disregard for the intention of the founders and donors of Holy Cross Hospital.

Vatican Approval Required

In that Holy Cross Hospital is a Catholic institution it is subject to particular norms which must be adhered to with respect to any contemplated change in ownership. The approval of the local ordinary, the Archbishop of Chicago Francis Cardinal George, is required and ultimately approval must also be received from the Vatican.

Cardinal Asks for Consideration of St. Anthony — Not Mount Sinai

We have been informed that the Cardinal has requested that Holy Cross Hospital enter into an agreement with a different hospital — St. Anthony, a locally situated authentically Catholic hospital. This is confirmed in a letter I have received from the Archdiocese, wherein it is stated: “You should know that the Cardinal has already asked the Sisters to consider entering into a partnership with St. Anthony”. See letter of August 29, 2012 as attached.

It would appear that the Archdiocese believes that Holy Cross Hospital should affiliate with St. Anthony hospital in that both are established Catholic institutions and then there would be no need through an artificial construct to maintain the “catholicity” of Holy Cross Hospital.

We concur with the Cardinal’s suggestion as that would be a far superior choice and fully congruent with Holy Cross Hospital’s mission.

Absent the Cardinal’s and the Holy See’s approval this project cannot proceed.

Common Sense Dictates Alternate Choice

The application should be rejected because no consideration or even acknowledgement is made regarding the St. Anthony option which by all indications is one supported by the community and the Archdiocese. Common sense dictates that it should be the logical choice.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Kulys

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Department of Finance



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

August 29, 2012

Dear Mr. Joe Kuly,

With regard to your question concerning ownership of Holy Cross Hospital, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago deeded the property to The Sisters of St. Casimir in August of 1955. Five years later in August of 1960 the Sisters deeded the property to Holy Cross Hospital.

You should know that the Cardinal has already asked the Sisters to consider entering into a partnership with St. Anthony.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TKennedy".

Thomas Kennedy
Director of Real Estate Management and Development