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

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Dear Mr. Constantino,

I am writing to oppose the new Riverside Freestanding Emergency Care Facility proposed for Frankfort. As someone who is concerned with preserving both the quality of life as well as the healthcare system in Will County, I believe that an emergency care facility in this location would be both unnecessary and harmful to the community for the following reasons.

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Furthermore, the location of Riverside's Freestanding Emergency Care Facility is in a highly residential area. Consequently, developing a site in such an area would disrupt the quality of life for thousands of residents subjected to constant siren noise, traffic noise, major road reconstruction, increased road congestion, and diminish home values.

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

Sincerely,

Signature Ignacio Flores
Printed Name Ignacio Flores
Address 22417 Hughes ST.
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Date: 1/15/2013

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