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March 1, 2019

Joseph Ottolino
Chief Executive Officer
Westlake Hospital
1225 West Lake Street
Melrose Park, IL 60160

Dear Mr. Ottolino,

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 18, 2019 requesting an Impact Statement as Westlake Hospital seeks a Certificate of Exemption with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to discontinue all hospital services.

Loyola Medicine does not anticipate your request will adversely impact our ability to care for patients within this service area. We offer a full range of hospital services across our three Loyola Medicine hospital campuses, including Loyola University Medical Center, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, and MacNeal Hospital, and all are reasonably proximate to the residents in Westlake's service area. We anticipate having sufficient capacity within our system collectively across most categories of service to care for some or all of your patients, with one exception. Accommodating a substantial portion of Westlake's emergency department volume will likely require Loyola Medicine facilities to add some level of incremental emergency treatment station capacity. Otherwise, we are not aware of any restrictions or limitations that would preclude us from providing services to the patients in your service area.

Sincerely,

Tad A. Gomez
President
Loyola University Medical Center

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