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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ti Whom it may concern:

I write this letter with a broken heart and with a broken promise submitted by Pipeline Health buying Westlake Hospital, Melrose Park, with the promise of keeping it open and investing in it and the community..

They promised the Board of the hospital, the doctors, the village officials and our state Reps Willis and Welsh that they would definitely keep it open

Two weeks after the purchase, it was in the news and on the internet that they were closing Westlake and putting their resources In West Suburban Hospital, which they bought, along with Weiss Hospital.

Westlake has a maternity facility and Womens Health facility which other hospitals in the area don't have. They have 2 wings of Psych patients, which the other hospitals have given up. Many of the patients are minorities on Medicaid. Some have nothing. It is a safe haven for the poor.

Pipeline wants to use GRANT money to make these patients travel to West Suburban and use their facilities. How can an investment firm LLC use grant money to service the poor, yet the hospital does not?

As taxpayers, we in Illinois have been lied to and stolen from by our politicians in the past. I would hope and pray that your board would do the right thing and don't allow them to close Westlake on fraudulent written statements and lies. We are counting on you to do the right thing. The poor are counting on you,! The minorities are counting on you!!

And don't forget about the longstanding employees of Westlake and the dedicated doctors who are fighting to keep Westlake open too!

Thank you for your services and I pray along with others, you do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Vera Principe

Vera A. Principe