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Mike and April – On behalf of Alderman James Cappleman, 46th Ward, I am submitting this public comment for posting with the above referenced item. Please confirm receipt and advise if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration. --JB

Since taking ownership of Weiss Memorial Hospital and West Suburban Medical Center in February 2019, Pipeline Health has made around \$60 million of investments. These investments included improved facilities, added technology, and expanded clinical programs. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on hospitals and further increased the costs for labor and supplies while decreasing the ability of hospitals to generate revenue. **This potential sale will allow a new owner, rather than a private equity firm, to increase investment in Weiss Hospital and commit to its continued success.**

We all know how critical Weiss Hospital is to our 46th Ward community, and I also know that there have been increased fears around the hospital's future recently. This ownership transition serves as further proof that Weiss Hospital is here to stay and this additional investment ensures that the hospital will have the needed resources to continue expanding its offerings, services, and future jobs for our community. I look forward to working with both Pipeline and the potential new owners of Weiss Hospital to guarantee Weiss Hospital's success long into the future.

--James Cappleman, 46th Ward Alderman

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