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To: Mike Constantino
IL Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St. 2nd floor
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Dear Mr. Constantino,

I am writing to you about the sale of Weiss Hospital.

It is my understanding that right now there is the possibility of Pipeline selling Weiss Hospital to Resilience. Please do not allow this sale because so much is not known about Resilience and it's qualifications to run and expand Weiss Hospital as a high quality community hospital. Not that people in the community think Pipeline is qualified either. All of this buying and selling by unqualified private investors will never meet the needs of our community.

We need that parking lot space to stay with Weiss. Covid 19 is again on the rise. That space should be available to Weiss to expand whatever it will need to do to keep our community protected from Covid. That should be a major goal – considering that over one million Americans have already died from Covid.

The major goal of private investors is to make money.

I don't know how many Americans are suffering from long Covid. But I do know that no one knows what Covid will do to us! And that is the future – viruses that experts do not yet understand. My good friend's 19 year old college athlete granddaughter has long Covid. She took a leave from college. She had every test that expert doctors could think of. U of Mass and Harvard did a study on long Covid. Based on that study, she was told by doctors at U of Mass to "convalesce" (not just rest) for 100 days after having been sick for 4 months. They'll keep re-evaluating. Our community hospital needs that level of institutional knowledge and commitment to the care/treatment of it's patients.

The Review Board has the right to get full answers to any questions that you ask these sellers and buyers. And we community members have the right to witness a full and transparent process.

Really who are Prasad and Patlola? What are their qualifications? Did they turn in a comprehensive improvement plan for Weiss that makes sense? Everything that I have read leads me to believe that these people are neither serious nor qualified to maintain and improve Weiss Hospital.

I can walk to Weiss and I want it to be a high quality community hospital for the day when I'll be that patient who needs it.

Thank you,
Cathy Shanley