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Dear Mr. Constantino,
I am writing to share my concern over the sale of Weiss Hospital and West Suburban Hospitals. I greatly appreciate the effort that the Review Board has taken so far in assessing these transactions.

My family and I have been residents in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago for over 28 years. As such, I am very interested in seeing Weiss continue to succeed and grow as a first class medical facility serving our diverse Uptown community, and the city of Chicago. I attended the recent meeting at Weiss where prospective purchasers Mr. Manoj Prasad and Mr. Rathnaker Reddy Patlola were introduced to the community. I feel there are unanswered questions and concerns which have not been resolved.

A written commitment to maintaining and providing vital services to low income and unhoused community residents is essential.

It is not plausible or in the best interests of Weiss as a quality medical facility for the parking lot adjacent to Weiss to be sold and developed into high end housing. The parking lot was of vital importance during the recent COVID surge to handle testing and other medical matters. A concentration of additional housing so close to Weiss emergency entrance would impede services and disallow hospital expansion in that location.

I am concerned about the sale of Weiss to private investors who it appears do not have actual prior experience owning and maintaining a hospital. More specific information about Mr. Prasad's and Mr. Patlola's experience and qualifications needs to be reviewed and publicly available.

Additionally, financial elements of the proposed sale remain unclear: re the parking lot --will it be 8 or 12 million invested solely in Weiss, how will hospital improvements actually be funded, do the investors have the financial solvency to purchase and make improvements without jeopardizing hospital operations and critical access to quality care.

I am truly grateful for the diligence with which the Board and yourself are handling the application for Weiss and West Suburban Hospitals' purchase. I hope continuing efforts in that regard result in a balanced and transparent process, and that the purchase of these facilities maintains and improves their service to their respective communities.

Sincerely,
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