

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Determination of Need Program
250 Washington St., 6th floor
Boston, MA 02108

To: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Determination of Need Program
Re: Medford Surgery Center, LCC Application

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement regarding the application of Medford Surgery Center, LLC.

I am concerned by the lack of engagement and involvement of the local Medford community, who will experience the most direct, negative impacts from the project, including (but not limited to) issues related to traffic, parking, safety, noise, pollution, property value, and the residential character of the surrounding neighborhoods.

I am also concerned by the lack of information and transparency at all stages of this process. There has been little or no detailed information shared about the current project and possible future projects on site (for example, construction of parking garage, changes in use of existing hospital building, etc.).

I recommend that the Department of Health reject or delay approval of this project until these concerns are properly addressed.

Sincerely,

Jane Almquist

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