

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a long time resident of Medford, having grown up on Holmes Road which is a private street adjacent to the proposed site for the new ambulatory center. I am writing this letter to **object the decision** of Lawrence Memorial Hospital to construct this new center.

I understand there is a need for outpatient care, however I do not believe this is the ideal location for it. There are nearby ambulatory centers in both Winchester and Waltham, which are 5 and 12 miles respectively from the proposed center, and already so much of Medford's population has relocated their health care services to Winchester. Additionally, I believe that there are several unused beds in the current state of Lawrence Memorial Hospital and do not understand the need to construct an entire building when much of the hospital is being unused. A better site would be the now closed Malden Hospital, which was also part of the Hallmark Health System.

The community surrounding the proposed center will be greatly affected. I spent my childhood playing in the middle of the street, knowing all the faces on our block, and always felt a sense of safety in this community. The proposed building will lead to less parking available for the hospital employees, leading to illegal parking on our private streets and an influx of strangers into our tight knit, safe community. Many people chose to buy property in this neighborhood because it is quiet, peaceful, and safe yet the construction of this new center completely destabilizes that. It will also lead to an increase in noise pollution, light pollution, hazardous waste disposal, and ground water pollution.

As a resident who spent her childhood in this neighborhood and wishes all the future generations to have the best childhood experience, I am urge you to reject the petition for the new ambulatory center in Medford.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Keerthana Gnanapradeepan

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