# linda zechello <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

# Wed 6/2/2021 2:26 AM

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245wesrwomingave MELROSE, MA 02176 Constituent

# charles bosselman <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

# Wed 6/2/2021 1:48 AM

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12 russell terrace ARLINGTON, MA 02474 Constituent

# george leu <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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george leu
gleu1219@gmail.com
72 high st STONEHAM, MA 02180 Constituent

# Email to: DPH.DON@MassMail.State.MA.US

Subject: Testimony - Mass General Brigham Incorporated - Multisite - 21012113-AS

To the DoN Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Hart, Founder & Executive Director of Tailored for Success, Inc. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I am writing to express my \_concerns related to the Massachusetts General Brigham's proposed new ambulatory expansion site that will be located in Woburn; DoN 21012113-AS. This multi-million dollar expansion would have a massive negative impact on the cost of care and the ability for local community health care organizations to continue to support our residents.

I agree that great health care, delivered in the community for a lower cost is what is best for residents of the Commonwealth. However, I believe that the expansion of Mass General Brigham (MGB) ambulatory services into Woburn will increase the cost of care in our community without increasing the quality of care for patients. MGB has a track record of merging, acquiring or pushing out community health care systems and then pricing services at a higher cost, increasing the financial burden placed upon patients throughout the Commonwealth.

Woburn is not a medically underserved community. Woburn is already well-serviced by high-quality, low-cost healthcare providers. Approving MGB' s application to expand into our community will threaten the financial viability of local practitioners and smaller health care systems, replacing quality care offered at affordable rates by local medical institutions with the same services at higher price points. Any increases to the cost of care are unacceptable and untenable in an already highly expensive mark et. I believe that the expansion of Mass General Brigham (MGB) ambulatory services into Woburn wjl)

threaten essential local jobs and the financial viability of critical community care institutions.

I believe that the expansion of Mass General Brigham (MGB) ambulatory services into Woburn is likely to worsen existing health disparities. The proposed MGB sites target higher income, predominantly white, mobile, commercially insured populations already served by existing providers. The proposed locations

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are not easily accessible to residents of low-income communities with barriers to health care, leaving access and the needs of many residents behind. MOB will be drawing commercially insured patients away from local community providers who rely on that care to subsidize patients that are insured by public programs, such as Medicare or Medicaid, or who are uninsured. Our local community providers will continue to serve those patients even if their commercial volume is negatively impacted by MOB. However, these same providers may be financially forced to close much needed medical services, resulting in reduced safety net care for our communities' most vulnerable patients, while the most privileged migrate to MOB.

In closing, I truly believe in health care cost-containment, partnership, and the spirit of equitable collaboration where all sizes and types of healthcare organizations work together to benefit their communities. I respectfully ask MDPH to closely look-at this request and do a full data analysis and hold additional public hearings. Furthermore, consider the fact that the real opportunity is to optimize the use of existing health care services rather than approve new services that are not needed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hart

Tailored for Success, Inc.

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Malden, MA 02148

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# wah lee <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

# Tue 6/1/2021 10:29 AM

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wah lee
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# janet rivera <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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Sincerely,
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janetrivera1228@gmail.com
32 a chestnut ct. ANDOVER, MA 01810 Constituent

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michael almas
malmassp.177@yahoo.com
136 harvard street # 2 MEDFORD, MA 02155 Constituent

# lucy pacheco <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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# Derek Giardina <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

# Mon 5/31/2021 10:00 AM

# **To:**

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Re: Testimony: Mass General Brigham Incorporated – Multisite - 21012113-AS

Dear Ms. Szent-Gyorgyi,

I would like to share my SUPPORT with the Department of Public Health (DPH) about Mass General Brigham’s (MGB) community expansion plans and intent to establish outpatient centers in Woburn, Westwood and Westborough (DoN application: 21012113-AS). As a member of the local community and Woburn resident, I strongly support MGB’s proposal.

Woburn does not have any MGB services in the immediate area. While Danvers, Waltham, and Boston appear close to Woburn on a map, they are anything but convenient when attempting to commute to these sites to receive care. What is perhaps a mere inconvenience for some equates to lack of care for others who are MGB patients, but do not have the means to travel to Boston or far off satellite sites. This highlights the existing healthcare disparity in the Woburn area. An MGB site in Woburn would facilitate access to care for all, while providing choice to the local community.

Finally, there are no pediatric specialty sites near Woburn, as the Lahey network does not offer these services, while MGB does. As a father to young children, it is a challenge to find expert pediatric healthcare in the Woburn area. The MGB expansion eases this challenge and fills the healthcare void that currently exists.

I respectfully request that the DPH approve the proposed MGB expansion, as it provides access to care for MGB patients, while also allowing patients the right to choose their providers.

Sincerely,
Derek Giardina
derek.giardina@gmail.com
3 Tufts Road Woburn, MA 01801 Constituent

# heather decesaris <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

# Mon 5/31/2021 9:53 AM

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heather decesaris
heatherdecesaris422@gmail.com
164 water st WAKEFIELD, MA 01880 Constituent

# Alison Turner <alisont84@gmail.com>

# Mon 5/31/2021 9:40 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in **support of the MGB expansion to Woburn.** As an MGB patient, there is a glaring disparity in medical care in the Woburn area.  I am hopeful that the determination of need for the MGB expansion is more heavily weighted on local resident and patient comments rather than on local hospital and business comments and scare tactics.  Clearly the local hospitals and businesses do not want competition in their backyard, however if they truly care about patients and keep healthcare at the core of this discussion, they will see that the MGB expansion is a necessity for this area.  This expansion allows for consumer choice and most importantly, access for those of us choosing to receive care within the MGB system.

Aside from the Lahey network, there is no real choice for medical care in Woburn and surrounding areas.  Lahey is out of my insurance network and costs me exponentially more out of pocket.  From my experience, most local hospitals do not have as many treatment options as those offered by the MGB system. For example, my mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.  Her first opinion was at a local Lahey-affiliated hospital.  Luckily, we were able to have her receive a second opinion at MGH, where her care was expedited, treatment was much less invasive, and she became part of a clinical trial.  These are all benefits of being treated at a large-scale academic hospital with cutting edge treatments.  Having the option to see these physicians and receive care locally is a necessity.

Finally, although other MGB community sites may appear near Woburn on a map, anyone who has attempted to commute to these sites during rush hour (or not!), will find that they are not convenient.  Having a world-class MGB site in Woburn would allow the healthcare consumer to have a choice over their preferred network.  Currently, there is no MGB representation in the Woburn area, giving the Lahey network a local monopoly.

Please listen to the patients and residents, and allow for MGB expansion to Woburn.

Thank you for your time.

-Alison T

Sashae davis <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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Sincerely,
sashae davis
sashaedavis30@gmail.com
windsor heights TEWKSBURY, MA 01876 Constituent

# joseph magno <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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sgtmagno127@yahoo.com
51 everett st MEDFORD, MA 02155 Constituent

# nancy kennedy <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

# Sat 6/5/2021 5:50 AM

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nancy kennedy
kennedynancy@msn.com
200 liesure lane STONEHAM, MA 02180 Constituent

# juan rondon <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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juan rondon
mysticwolftattoo@gmail.com
891main street WINCHESTER, MA 01890 Constituent

# Michelegoody <michelegoody@aol.com>

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michelegoody@aol.com

Melrose, MA

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karenfennelly8@gmail.com
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# rita karelas <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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rita karelas
4sons9grandkids@gmail.com
50 whittier st. MELROSE, MA 02176 Constituent

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saniabelar54@gmail.com
5113 avalon drive WILMINGTON, MA 01887 Constituent

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kimberly ricci
kimberlyricci3335@gmail.com
2 chestnut st. WOBURN, MA 01801 Constituent

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106 monument street MEDFORD, MA 02155 Constituent

# joan fox <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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joan fox
jm.fox37@verizon.net
3 powder mill square apt. 201 ANDOVER, MA 01810 Constituent

# daniel bode <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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daniel bode
bodedaniel76@gmail.com
597 broadway LYNNFIELD, MA 01940 Constituent

# juan marsh <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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giachello@northwestern.edu
3178 farland street BEDFORD, MA 01730 Constituent

# demetri kosta <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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demetri kosta
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# rich steen <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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lapointe65@aol.com
13 river street BILLERICA, MA 01821 Constituent

# lisa mcnally <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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# bob giovannani <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

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# April 12, 2021

*Re*: Mass General Brigham Hospital’s Proposed Ambulatory Care Facility in Woburn, MA

To the Determination of Need Committee

My name is Loretta Kemp and I appreciate this opportunity to testify regarding the above. I am writing to

express concern about Massachusetts General Brigham’s proposed new ambulatory expansion site to be

located in Woburn (DoN 21012113-AS).

My first concern is that although this multimillion-dollar state of the art expansion would bring high

quality care to the suburbs, it will also have a negative impact on the cost of care. Data have shown that

this kind of expansion by major Boston hospitals significantly drives up the cost of health care for local

residents. Not only does the new entity charge more for services, but it also impacts existing healthcare

service providers. Specifically, independent providers tend to close their private practices and join the

new mega-group that charges higher fees. The result is increased healthcare costs over an ever-expanding

geographical area. At a time when the focus has finally been shifted to equity of access to quality

healthcare services, this seems to be counterproductive and even insensitive. That is, it *increases* the

financial barrier to equitable access. At a time when COVID-19 repercussions have wreaked havoc on

both household and business finances, this seems a very untoward action.

Secondly, related to the issue of equity of access to healthcare is the impact on service providers. Local

community healthcare organizations have been, and continue to be, the hallmark for providing quality

healthcare at more affordable prices. In addition, this COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the role that

trust plays in accessing / using available services. Invariably, trust is built through *personal* connections

between and among “neighbors,” *i.e.*, healthcare workers that are familiar to (and with) their customers—

local residents. Often, in local communities an ongoing relationship spans generations. Too often, in these

large conglomerate mergers, local healthcare providers / staff are replaced. The connections and trust that

had formerly built up over the years is lost. This dis-connect most impacts vulnerable communities that

already suffer inequitable treatment and treatment options, even when they are accessed.

Thirdly, quality health care is already provided to the Woburn area, through recent mergers of local /

regional healthcare providers and large organizations such as Lahey and Tufts Medical Center. These

have enhanced and stabilized the quality of services provided *without* significantly reducing other local

healthcare providers. Therefore, high quality services are available at more affordable costs—a win-win

for residents.

Fourthly, Woburn is not a medically underserved community. It is already well-serviced by high-quality,

low-cost healthcare providers. Approving MGB’s application to expand into our community will threaten

the financial viability of local practitioners and smaller health care systems, replacing quality care offered

at affordable rates by local medical institutions with the same services at higher price points. Any

increases to the cost of care are unacceptable and untenable in an already highly expensive market. I

believe that the expansion of Mass General Brigham (MGB) ambulatory services into Woburn will

threaten essential local jobs and the financial viability of critical community care institutions.

Finally, the proposed MGB sites do not target the most vulnerable residents of the area who already have

limited options to obtaining quality health care. The proposed locations are not easily accessible to

residents of low-income communities, creating yet another barrier to equitable healthcare services—rather

than *reducing* barriers. In actuality, MGB will be drawing commercially insured patients away from local

community providers who rely on that care to subsidize patients that are insured by public programs, such

as Medicare or Medicaid, or who are uninsured. Our local community providers will continue to serve

those patients even if their commercial volume is negatively impacted by MGB. However, these same

providers may be financially forced to close much needed medical services, resulting in reduced safetynet

care for our communities’ most vulnerable patients, while the more privileged migrate to MGB.

In closing, I would state that the proposed MGB expansion into Woburn would exacerbate healthcare

inequities and further the injustices that many are trying to correct. As we become increasingly aware of

dwindling resources and sky-rocketing costs, the answers lay in healthcare cost-containment,

partnerships, and the spirit of equitable collaboration where all sizes and types of healthcare organizations

work together to benefit their communities. Therefore, I respectfully ask the Massachusetts Department of

Public Health to closely look at this request, do a full data analysis and impact study, and hold additional

public hearings. I would sincerely ask the MDPH to opportunities to *enhance* the resources of existing

*local / regional* healthcare services rather than duplicate them with costlier ones that exacerbate current

inequities.

Sincerely,

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Christina KwackYuhan <Christina.KwackYuhan@woburnneph.com>

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Dear DPH,

I am a local resident and physician working in the Woburn Winchester community and I am writing to express my objection to the MGB proposal.

I want to notify you that Mass General Brigham is clearly intending to mislead the local community.  I was upset when I received a flyer at my residence that suggested they would lower costs of care while new creating jobs.  This is simply not true.

As a practitioner, I can attest to the fact that costs will not go down.  Our local community hospitals and outpatient services are billed out at a much lower cost than Mass General Brigham.  However, this will not be sustainable if the Mass General Brigham monopoly is allowed opportunity to further expand into these areas of established high quality low care costs.  All of us in healthcare know that this will result in driving up of costs, and for residents unbeknownst to them, translate to eventual higher premiums.

Furthermore, MGB will not be adding any services that are currently not already being provided for.  There is no new or additional need they are meeting.  The success of Mass General Brigham would come at the direct expense of our existing local hospitals and private practices that have long been committed to this community.  Any new jobs created would be at the expense of existing jobs in the community.

I have taken great pride in working at a local private practice that has employed and provided services to the local community for over a decade.  As a local practice, we are faithfully committed to and prioritize our relationships with our patients and employees.  When COVID overwhelmed the hospital system, my partners and I did not hesitate in providing services on COVID floor.  Because our patients were there, many of whom are like family to us.  We have proudly served our community and our patients, keeping our staff safe and employed, despite the difficulties of being small practice owners through this pandemic.  Allowing Mass General Brigham to establish their proposal in our community will come at a great expense to the type of care we can provide.  The tradeoff is, frankly, is too great and completely unnecessary.

For these reasons, if my vote as a local resident counts at all, I strongly oppose the proposal.

Sincerely,

Christina Kwack Yuhan

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