

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, LLC 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 in the decision process of the local Medford community, who will experience the most direct, and possibly negative impacts from this project, including (but not limited to) issues related to changes in traffic patterns, parking, neighborhood safety, noise, pollution, property value and the residential character of the surrounding area. There is no comprehensive cost/benefit/impact to community analysis that addresses the need for this project.

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 proposal and possible future changes in scope of projects on site (for example, construction of parking garage, changes in use of existing hospital building, etc.).

I would like to recommend and urge the *Department of Health* to **REJECT** or **DELAY** the approval of this project in its current form until these concerns are properly addressed.

Sincerely,

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