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MA Department of Public Health
Determination of Need Program
250 Washington Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

**Re :Proposed Project :Medford Surgery Center LLC /Melrose
Wakefield Healthcare/LMH**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a long time resident of Medford. I live on Holmes road with my property abutting Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the proposed site for the new Ambulatory center; I will be sharing the same fence.

I am writing this letter to protest the decision of Lawrence memorial hospital to allow the construction of the Ambulatory center on its premises.

I understand that health care is changing and there is a need for centers specializing in day surgeries and outpatient care, but believe there are better locations to situate the building than the one selected by Melrose Wakefield/Hallmark Health and its current partners.

The suggested location for the Ambulatory center is in the middle of an established residential area. This will thrust a huge burden on the residents of the neighborhood in the forms of :

- More cuts in services provided to Medford residents by Lawrence memorial Hospital
- Medford residents will have to go elsewhere for their Emergency medical needs
- Massive increase in traffic flow. (Fatal accidents have already occurred)

- Minimal space for patient/employee parking spots for the proposed new Ambulatory center will result in illegal parking on our already congested side streets.
Once the footprint is established, there will eventually more floors on the building and garages will be built on the LMH campus bringing urban blight to the neighborhood.
- Tremendous increases in noise and light pollution for the Abutters
- Hazardous waste disposal in neighboring properties
- Ground water pollution
- An increase in crime and petty theft
- **Very little benefit to the residents of Medford who are impacted the most by the proposed building**
- The irreplaceable loss of a peaceful neighborhood, with a vibrant community made up of all walks of life and age groups.

As I mentioned earlier, the Healthcare industry is changing with never ending increases in premiums and costs. It will be cost efficient for Melrose Wakefield/Hallmark to move the proposed Ambulatory center to the now closed Malden Hospital location or the underutilized Stoneham medical complexes nearby. It will be a win win situation for all!

I humbly urge you to deny Melrose Wakefield/Hallmark Health's petition for the new Ambulatory center. My neighbors join me in my voice of protest against the building.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

S.GnanaPradeepan.