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Determination of Need Program
250 Washington St.
6th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

RE : Site: Project Medford Surgery Center LLC /Melrose Wakefield Healthcare

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 object the decision of Lawrence memorial hospital to allow the new 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 out patient care, but I believe there are better locations to situate the building than the one selected by Melrose Wakefield/Hallmark Health and its current partners. I also understand we have a Ambulatory center in Winchester, MA and Waltham, Ma which are 5 miles and 12 miles away from the new proposed location for the ambulatory center. We Medford residents feel there is no pressing need for a new Ambulatory center in our residential neighborhood.

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)
- Tremendous increases in noise and light pollution for the abutters
- Hazardous waste disposal in neighboring properties
- Ground water pollution
- Minimal space for patient/employee parking spots for the proposed new Ambulatory center will result in illegal parking in our private side streets and we fear eventually more buildings/garages will be built in LMH campus.
- 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 Health care 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 under utilized Stoneham medical complexes nearby. It will be a win win situation for all!

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

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Selvi Pradeepan.
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