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Ms. Melanie Brim, Deputy Director  
Policy and Planning  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
201 Townsend  
Lansing, MI 48913

Re: Opposition To McLaren Oakland Hospital

Dear Ms. Brim:

I am writing to express my opposition to the construction of a new McLaren Hospital in Independence Township, MI (Clarkston, MI mailing address). I am a 20 year resident of Independence Township who owns a home and a commercial building in this Township and works here as well.

Despite the fact that as an attorney and financial advisor I might personally benefit by having additional personnel working at the proposed facility in proximity to my office, I am opposed to the new hospital primarily because it is not needed to serve the community and the surrounding area given the number of other existing hospitals which are within easy driving distance by car or EMS transport.

Plus, many residents like me are very concerned that our infrastructure (roads, community well water, sewers, etc.) are not capable of handling the substantial increased demands that would be imposed by the new hospital. Why not copy the successful community efforts in Pittsburg and Baltimore to use renovated health care facilities as an anchor to encourage private development in Pontiac and Flint?

Contrary to claims of great growth in our area, according to the Independence Township Building Department on 9/7/2012, in the past 6.75 years, there have only been 237 new house construction permits issued (or 36.5 per year). This hardly justifies spending a reported \$500 million on a new hospital when a portion of those same funds would make great steps to revitalize existing facilities elsewhere.

A Certificate of Need has already been denied. I understand that the process is intended to avoid having scarce health care funds be wasted on constructing duplicate facilities. As a Michigan taxpayer, I believe in the process that has denied the CON.

I hope the Committee will resist the pressure to give into the special interests which are placing their financial interests before those of the community and State.

Please reject the application of McLaren Hospital to construct a new hospital in Independence Township so they will instead redirect those funds to renovate and improve other facilities.

Sincerely,

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