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Dear Commissioner Alaigh,

I am writing to share my concern with you about the re-opening of a hospital in Westwood, New Jersey.

Governor Corzine's own *Commission on Rationalizing Health Care Resources* found that there is an oversupply of hospital beds – and hospitals – in the Bergen County area, specifically in the area around Pascack Valley.

To open a hospital at this time would have a devastating impact on the surrounding hospitals and healthcare facilities. Our hospitals are stronger and in better shape to handle the needs of Pascack Valley residents. Opening a hospital will have a significant, negative impact on the other hospitals in Bergen County.

I encourage you to oppose the reopening of an acute-care hospital in the Pascack Valley area.

Please help us keep *all* Bergen County hospitals healthy – not just Hackensack University Medical Center.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____