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Kimberly R. Martone
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Office of Health Care Access

Dear Ms. Martone,

We are writing as leaders of Greater Waterbury faith communities to ask that you condition your approval of the sale of Waterbury Hospital to Prospect Medical Group: East on the inclusion of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) between Prospect and the Waterbury Community.

As faith leaders, we hear stories daily from the people whose health and well-being depends upon access to these benefits. We believe that equity, fairness and justice demand these benefits be preserved in any future ownership arrangement.

The community benefits that are currently provided to low-income and other individuals in accordance with Waterbury Hospital's status as a non-profit hospital provide vital care and services to members of our congregations and the community at large. They also represent an important bond in the relationship between the hospital and the broader community that has supported and relied on it for many years.

We urge you to ensure that the hospital continues its critical role in the community by offering good jobs, providing affordable care to those in need, contributing to its civic and financial welfare, and maintaining a substantive dialogue with the community about any concerns that may arise. We urge you to issue a ruling that reflects that concern.

Sincerely,

Bishop Lionel French
Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle, Waterbury

The Rev. John Thomason
Pastor, Woodbury United Methodist Church, Woodbury

The Rev. John Cooney
Retired Pastor, St. John the Evangelist, Watertown

Bishop Jose Rosa
Pastor, Casa Del Perdon Church, Waterbury

The Rev. Joe Donnelly
Pastor, Sacred Heart, Southbury

The Rev. Derrill Blue
Pastor, Mt. Olive AME Zion Church, Waterbury

The Rev. Ray Odiorne
Pastor, United Church of Christ

The Rev. Paul D. Sinnott Associate to the Bishop
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The Rev. Scott Nessel
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