

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Jim Edwards  
Chief Executive Officer  
Pipeline Health  
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El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Mr. Edwards:

We write regarding Pipeline's concerning efforts to begin the process of closing Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, Illinois. It has been reported that due to staffing issues, Pipeline Health has recently scaled down operations at Westlake Hospital. We are deeply concerned about the harm a potential closure poses to quality patient care in Melrose Park and surrounding communities and the burden on Westlake's local employees.

In acquiring Westlake hospital, Pipeline took responsibility for the patients and employees in this community. The impact of Pipeline's abrupt attempts to shutter the facility will hit the vulnerable populations that the hospital serves and will disrupt the continuity of care to those in the community. As Westlake awaits any decision or action from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, it is essential that residents of Melrose Park continue to have access to the quality services that Westlake provides—in accordance with all applicable state laws and regulations. The community relies on this hospital, a 225-bed facility that provides 600 jobs to those in the surrounding areas.

We encourage you to comply with all state rules and regulations, and to ensure the preservation of patient and community access to Westlake's services as a priority for Pipeline Health throughout this process.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator



Jesús G. "Chuy" García  
United States Representative