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Mr. Thomas P. DiNapoli  
New York State Comptroller  
110 State Street  
Albany, NY 12236

**RE: Downtown Utica Hospital Concept**

Dear Mr. DiNapoli,

Born on Long Island, I've lived in Utica since coming here to attend college in 1986. Started my career here and then my own business; success allowed me to purchase a historic building in Downtown Utica 15 years ago. Slowly I've been redeveloping this property for my family's home, in addition to two new business ventures.

However, for almost two years I have slowed my plan and have been distracted from running my business to fight the concept to bulldoze 34-acres of Downtown Utica's Central Business District. I've meet with political leaders, appeared on public and local radio stations and picketed with fellow opposition members; collectively we are over 1,600 members on Facebook Group **#NoHospitalDowntown**. I've personal posted research of our group online at: [www.NoHospitalDowntown.com](http://www.NoHospitalDowntown.com)

I'm not against smart healthcare investments, but a large inner-city hospital district would find me seriously debating my plan to live in a building I've worked so hard to restore. My investment is approaching \$500,000, this was invested for a future of living in a historic and walkable Downtown Utica. The hospital concept goes against all new urban redevelopment and reuse strategies; **it's identical to failed Urban Renewal** of the 1960's and 1970's! Many things disturb me about the apparent politically-backed hospital concept; the website details all of them.

Please make every attempt to protect Utica-area and New York State taxpayers. This hospital concept is not what we need, either for neither better healthcare nor Utica's sound economic development. I would appreciate hearing your official stance on this matter.

In the meantime, please let me know if there are other actions myself and local citizens can take to redirect this ill-conceived hospital concept onto the hospital's 64-acres at their St. Luke's Campus.

Sincerely,  
Brett B. Truett

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