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Attorney General George Jepsen  
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Dear Attorney General Jepsen:

I am writing this letter to share my concerns about the proposed Waterbury Hospital Merger which now includes St. Mary's Hospital. I have heard from many of my constituents about this issue - It is encouraging to hear such a strong representation from members of the public during the public hearing process. Legislation could not exist if not for the voice of the citizens.

I continue to share concerns along with my constituent about this merger. I am concerned about whether Waterbury Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital will work to ensure that continued affordable, quality care and good jobs with existing retirement security agreements to maintain excellent staffing. The hospitals must also provide not only the community benefits they do now - including care for the uninsured - but put in place other protections and ongoing oversight of service levels to ensure that the hospitals prioritize our community before shareholders.

I have a firm commitment as a legislator to continue the community based model that is the history of Waterbury and St. Mary's Hospitals. I continue to support providing important protections before any sale or a merger is approved.

Thank you again. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Berger'.

Jeffery J. Berger  
State Representative