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Government Streamlining Commission
State Of Louisiana
Bator Rouge, LA

Re: LSU Medical Center

Dear Members of the Commission:

I applaud your efforts to closely look at the possibility of exploring alternatives to building a new LSU Medical Complex in the Mid City historic district.

I for one believe this is one of the worst proposals ever submitted and am vigorously opposed to the idea.

I have vowed to fight Eminent Domain in order to continue to own and occupy my office building. I find appalling that I have never been contacted by any person associated with this process.

They claim to follow all of the procedures necessary to have the right to institute eminent domain but they have not.

1. I have yet to be contacted by anyone
2. There have been no appraisals of my property nor is 1 scheduled
3. I have not received any offers for the property.

I run a \$100,000,000 company out of my building located at 1900 Canal Street. According to this absurd plan, my building will be bought, torn down and is slated for "future use". That makes a lot of sense; tear down a viable building, a building that employs people that generates income and taxes for a potential parking lot, or worse – vacant land.

This project is overblown, lacking any forethought under financed (if financing is available at all) and hugely disruptive. As I have said before, this project may start with the demolition of useful property only to end up a vast wasteland.

There is a better, more fiscally responsible way – REBUILD CHARITY!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Weiser", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Michael L. Weiser
President and CEO
Weiser Security Services, Inc

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

My name is Mickey Weiser and I am the CEO of Weiser Security Services, Inc. located at 1900 Canal Street.

I own a multi-million dollar business and employ thousands of people.

I am speaking as one of the business owners in the area affected by the proposal to expropriate property to create a new LSU hospital and teaching facility.

Let me say that I support rebuilding Charity Hospital. It has the same economic impact and can be accomplished faster with far less resources.

I along with every other business owner was affected by hurricane Katrina. I was asked by people like you to come back; come back to Louisiana, come back to NO. I was upset by home grown companies that chose not to.

I could have operated my \$100M business from anywhere, and would have been welcomed with open arms, but I chose to do the right thing, not necessarily the smart thing.

I rebuilt my building; a building I had previously gutted, renovated and only occupied for only 10 months before the storm. But this is the building and location I had meticulously chosen.

Then I get the news that LSU and the powers that be have decided to expropriate my building. I asked myself, why on earth did I come back here; this state clearly thinks I am disposable. The same politicians that urged me to return now hope I will leave quietly. If forced to move again, I WILL leave the city and probably the state. I am sick and tired of a state that fails to plan.

The bill before you is simply asking that LSU have a Business Plan in place to improve the odds that they can successfully raise the needed capital and retire the debt without additional state assistance or, god forbid, a bailout. Why should LSU or the state be concerned with this Bill? Don't you feel the need for a business plan? Did LSU not do one? Shouldn't everyone work together to develop the absolute best plan to avoid a \$1.5 Billion catastrophic failure?

The fact is they are opposed to this Bill at this time because they have no plan; at least not one that still keeps the State at risk. If they do, why won't they share it?

Now Dr. Lombardi is telling the legislature to get out of LSU's way. The way I see it is the legislature is our best chance for logic, reason and caution for a project this size.

Who builds property or opens a business without clear and present funding? That's business 101. I know; I took the course at LSU. That something every prospective business owner knows. This Bill should be a non issue for LSU.

Voting for this Bill means that you want to be fiscally responsible and believe that good government means planning, if not I guess you're willing to risk a multi-billion failure – probably the biggest potential failure in our state's history.

Now that plans are released, I see they are going to take my building so that my site can be slated for "future use".

I think it's a joke. When will this future use happen? 10, 20 years down the road? I need to move again for this; a half baked plan that takes twice the property needed??

My worst nightmare is that the \$300 million already allocated for this project allows for the expropriation and demolition of this historic, Mid City neighborhood; then the funds to build are nowhere to be found in a state and economy already going down for the 3rd time; a perfect storm so to speak.

What we will then have, and for god knows how long, are a hole in the ground on infamous Canal Street where our history and culture used to be -----and still no hospital.