

# **EXHIBIT E**

RE: Geisinger/Evangelical Merger

March 8, 2021

Dear Mr. Welsh,

I have been a patient at both Geisinger and Evangelical facilities. Both are fine establishments, however, there is a huge difference in atmosphere and friendliness as well as cost.

Evangelical is a community based, friendly hospital as opposed to the giant Geisinger which has acquired many private practice physician offices as well as Bloomsburg Hospital and Shamokin Hospital. These were both small home-town hospitals prior to Geisinger's acquisition.

We are located in a rural area that is being dominated by large corporations where the profit comes before the patient.

The average income in this area is moderate and even with health insurance, out-of-pocket expenses can be taxing to patients.

Patient care is of the essence. Evangelical can give patients the best care by remaining an independent community hospital.

Competition is essential and Geisinger and UPMC are trying to eliminate it.

Please do not let Geisinger acquire Evangelical Hospital.

Sincerely,

Sandy Young