

Cancer center project sparks protests, alleged dirty tricks

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At The Hospital of Central Connecticut, our goal is to heal.

We offer excep-

tional medical care and much more to the communities we serve. We provide classes and instruc-

tion to help keep individuals healthy. We educate the next

generation of doc-

tors. Ours is a long

tradition of heal-

ing that goes back

to 1899, when New

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dedicated staff members at both our campuses, making us the largest private employer in our region. We rely on hun-

dreds of suppliers and contractors in the area and across the country.

In all of our business dealings, we must be highly ethical and

fiscally responsible so that The Hospital of Central

Connecticut will be here for future

generations. While hospital budgets are threatened

by deep government cuts and pro-

found changes in our health care

system, we must still make invest-

ments that broaden and deepen the care we provide. That's why

we're building a state-of-the-art cancer center that will be fully integrated with our partners in Hartford HealthCare.

Our new building will save and dramatically improve the lives of patients with cancer. But the construction

has sparked controversy. In going out to bid for this work, we selected the

bid that provided the best value for our hospital. Our obligation of stewardship requires

us to do so. Some local union leaders are upset that not all of

the work is being done by union labor. They have organized pro-

tests against this decision, and we recognize their right to speak

their minds.

We believe some union leaders have taken this too far however. Former hos-

pital patients have received letters that appear to come from The Hospital of Central Connecticut and threaten their homes with foreclosure. Based

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on similarities with other union communications from the sheet metal worker's union it seems clear that they are responsible. As healers and citizens, we are shocked at tactics that frighten and confuse the patients and families who depend on us. We want our patients to know that these letters are hoaxes. Anyone who receives one should contact us immediately. We have

contacted the proper authorities and they will be investigating.

The people of The Hospital of Central Connecticut provide care and comfort to patients and families every day. They live by our core values of integrity, caring, excellence and safety. Our new cancer center will expand the range of services and programs

available right here in New Britain. It is an investment in the long-term well-being of our towns and cities and it should not be tainted by schemes that threaten the people we serve.

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