

**From:** [Boswell, Peter \(VDH\)](#)  
**To:** [West, Catherine \(VDH\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Merger of Wellmont Health System and Mountain States Health Alliance  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:23:29 AM

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**From:** Levine, Marissa (VDH)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 8:15 PM  
**To:** Boswell, Peter (VDH)  
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**From:** Lisa Statzer LAST\_NAME <[lstatzer@comcast.net](mailto:lstatzer@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** February 19, 2017 at 6:44:00 PM EST  
**To:** <[Marissa.Levine@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Marissa.Levine@vdh.virginia.gov)>  
**Subject:** Merger of Wellmont Health System and Mountain States Health Alliance  
**Reply-To:** Lisa Statzer LAST\_NAME <[lstatzer@comcast.net](mailto:lstatzer@comcast.net)>

Dear Dr. Levine,

I am writing regarding the proposed merger of Wellmont Health System, and Mountain States Health Alliance. I (and many citizens in this area) urge the department of health to reject this application. As a health care customer in this area, I feel I should have the right to choose what health system I go to. If this merger is approved, this new system will monopolize the health care in South West Virginia, and upper East Tennessee. If an employee of the proposed health system, is dismissed from their position, where would that person go to seek employment, without having to drive fifty to one hundred miles, or move their family out of this area? This would only create more economical hardship in an area that is already struggling. The proposed merger would eliminate competition between these two health care systems in this area. Competition is sometimes good. Thank you for your time regarding this important health care matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Statzer

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