

To: jsullivan@co.santa-fe.nm.us
Subject: Resolution No. 2008-57

Dear Commissioner Sullivan,

We wish to thank you for sponsoring Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2008-57. "A Resolution Recommending That Christus/ St Vincent Regional Medical Center and St Vincent Hospital SupportCo Open Their Board Meetings To the Public."

We are of course extremely disappointed that this will not happen, "because the parties don't have to." (Santa Fe New Mexican 5/10/08)

It appears that despite the fact that millions of tax payer dollars are granted to the hospital there is no willingness, despite earlier publicity, to be transparent in its dealings.

We know that you tried, earlier, to get St Vincent Medical Center to disclose portions of its contract with Christus Health relating to women's health services and end of life care to no avail. It feels that we are again stone-walled.

If you and the Commission have some possible legislative recourse to address this issue of transparency we would most heartily appreciate your pursuing it, and as members of Compassion & Choices, we would strongly support your actions.

Sincerely Yours,

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