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**To:** Lopez, Donna; Maher, David; City Council  
**Subject:** FW: merger

Dear Mr. Mayor, Members of the City Council and Ms. Lopez,

Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 9:57 AM

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Dear Mr. Maher, Ms. Lopez and Members of the City Council,

I have been affiliated with the psychiatry department at The Cambridge Health Alliance since 1976. I have know over the years many men and women who struggle with their psychiatric disabilities whose lives have been saved because of the outstanding psychiatric emergency at Cambridge Hospital. The idea of the merger of the two emergency departments at The Cambridge Health Alliance is outrageous to me because these men and women will never get the kind of expert care in a general ER that they received in the Psyc ER. Please do all you can to stop the merger from happening and draw on the community to see if there is not a better solution to the financial issues. If men and women do not get treated, they can end up on the streets, or in jail and being in jail costs the commonwealth more than it does to treat a person in the ER. Your compassionate understanding of this population of men, women and children - who are already compromised by their illness - is crucial. Thank you for reconsidering this.

Nancy Kehoe RSCJ, PhD

You Tube links for Conversations on Religion and Mental Illness

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[watch?v=pTwFYPdGF-4](http://watch?v=pTwFYPdGF-4)

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