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Honorable John Suthers
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Office of the Attorney General of Colorado
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Re; Proposed Sale of the Colorado Health Foundation's Interest in HCA-Health-One, LLC to Affiliated of HCA Holdings, Inc.

Gentlemen:

The Parents of Adults with Disabilities in Colorado (PAD-CO) is providing the following input in regards to the proposed sale.

The sale is not in the Public Interest because:

1. The Board of Directors of the Colorado Health Foundation appears to not include “real” individuals with disabilities and individuals with poverty and other “usually not represented” social groups, thereby making the Board non-representational of the community. In our estimation, it is not enough to have CEO's and the like as members of the Board. The Board needs to dig deeper into the “real” community and find true representatives of these communities. Insofar as that has not been accomplished, the funds from this sale need to go to a true community-based grassroots foundation.
2. The Board has a very limited scope of interest in its funding mission statement. It is our belief that these funds came from a broad base of community interests, yet the funding mechanism and mission statement are narrowly focused, leaving out individuals, groups and others who were a portion of the development of the corpus but are not receiving the benefit of this funding. This would include specific disability diagnoses – such as pervasive developmental disability – that affect a very significant percentage of the population, but are excluded from the benefits of the funding.

3. We feel that no foundation should have assets of almost \$2.5 billion dollars, as it leads – as noted above – to the favoring of the few and the exclusion of the many.

Therefore, we urge the Colorado Attorney General to not approve this sale in the present form. Instead we request that a separate, grassroots funding process be developed for the receipt of these funds so that many can benefit - as many have contributed in the past - and these funds can become available to a broad base of appropriate organizations.

Yours very truly,

Denver C. Fox, Ed.D