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Joint Statement on behalf of Dr. Thomas Colacchio, President, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and Alyson Pitman Giles, President & CEO, Catholic Medical Center, May 21, 2010

We are surprised, disappointed and we strongly disagree with the Attorney General's report and his conclusions made public on May 21, 2010.

We are surprised, because this report applies a new standard of review that goes well beyond any health care transaction previously evaluated in the state of NH.

We are disappointed, because for more than a year we answered every question raised by Attorney Michael DeLucia, Director of Charitable Trusts. But this report raised points that were never discussed in our repeated meetings.

This was an unexpected result following a totally transparent review process. We provided tens of thousands of documents to the Attorney General, and gave every document they asked for during this review.

Attorney Michael DeLucia gave us every indication that we had fulfilled the obligations of our review. This was a collaborative effort between our organizations and the Attorney General's office which makes this outcome that much more disappointing.

Today's decision has delayed a clearly demonstrated need to expand access to health care services for the people of greater Manchester.

We strongly disagree with the conclusions and will actively consider our options to go before a judge to have this reviewed by a court.

We remain committed to the shared goal of meeting the growing need for every individual to receive the best care, in the right place, at the right time, every time.