I am a volunteer and Board Chair of **Wake Smiles**, a nonprofit dental clinic inside of Salvation Army providing care to uninsured and low income of Wake County. We have over 200 patients on back log due to limited resources, not enough dentist volunteers and lack of funds. We see patients from Safety nets such as Urban ministries Open Door Clinic, Healing Place, Raleigh Rescue Mission and residents of Salvation Army.

I understand that investors of Solferino North propose that such facility is imperative to increase access to care. Unfortunately, access to dental care is not as a result of lack of multi million dollar facility. Largest impediment to dental care for children and adults is the **lack of financial ability** to pay for needed dental care. Investors of such a project should visit our facility and see the need of the community first hand and consider investing in a nonprofit clinic to increase access to dental care in our county.

Solferino North is investing in a 3D Cone Beam Computed Tomography, technology required for placement of dental implants.

There are many Oral Surgeons and periodontists in our area that offer the service for patients that can afford it. However, the patients we treat at Wake Smiles, have been in pain for months and some have been seen at Emergency Departments of local hospitals prior to coming to us. This project needs to be called for what it is: A multi-million dollar for profit multi-specialty surgery center with the aims to charge out large amounts of anesthesia to patients, insurances, and the government. My fear is that the net will result in lower available funds from insurance companies and governments to allocate to true **access to care** dental clinics like Wake Smiles.

Solferino North should be mandated to invest in nonprofit dental clinics like Wake Smiles.

Sincerely,

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