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Dear Sir,

In the year 2002 the organization Ascension bought Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRM) in Lewiston, Idaho for the sum of \$1, with the stated goal of running it as a non-profit institution. Now, Ascension is in the process of reselling SJRM for \$109 million, and keeping all the money.

This is wrong. Idaho law (State Code 48-1506) says that the proceeds of a non-profit sale must be used for purposes consistent with the charitable intent of the organization that is sold.

SJRM, which was constructed around 1900 as a non-profit organization, was financed by the citizens of our surrounding area. Most of the money from the sale should stay here in Lewiston in a fund to benefit our local population.

Please do not let them take the money and run.

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