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To the Folketingets Sundhedsudvalg,

On behalf of the Paediatric Neurology Department at Children's Hospital, Affiliate of Vilnius University Hospital Santariskiu Klinikos, Vilnius, Lithuania, we are writing to you regarding the Epilepsy Hospital in Dianalund.

We were informed that the Epilepsy Hospital in Dianalund, Denmark's only Epilepsy Centre, is threatened by closure due to reorganizations in the Danish health care system. We participate in the international research consortium that is investigating the provocative and inhibitory roles of sensory and cognitive stimuli in the development of epileptic seizures. This research was initiated two years ago from the Danish Epilepsy Centre, and at the International Epilepsy Congress in Rome this year, we had possibility to join the project.

The Danish Epilepsy Centre has developed this International consortium providing high quality leadership, research guidance and coordination to all of us, who come from many different countries. The role of the Danish Centre is central to the success of our consortium. We understand that apart from the Center's role in the diagnostics and treatment for people with epilepsy in Denmark, Dianalund is an important centre for international epilepsy research, providing methodological advice. Without the continuous input from Dianalund this entire promising research will stop.

We want to ask you to help to save the existence of the Danish Epilepsy Centre as an important partner to international epilepsy research.

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