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To whom it may concern:

The city of East St. Louis is calling on you for your help. Kenneth Hall hospital is facing the possibility of losing its certificate of need relating to its behavior health program.

Touchette Hospital administrator has put in a application to reduce the services at its Kenneth Hall campus. The one that will effect not only East St. Louis the most, but the entire region.

The cuts within the Kenneth Hall hospital mental health services, Reducing the current system from 34 to 12 beds at Kenneth Hall behavior health ward.

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Put a big strain on other hospitals
& agencies that offer the exact same
services. And it forces many human
beings that fighting with mental illness
out on the streets.

Where they themselves become a burden on
the society at large. The fact of the
matter is the burden of treating our
mental citizens will fall on the tax
payers.

So I urge you to not to
pull the plug on a hospital or its
patients. Please keep Kenneth
behavior health program together.

We the people of East St. Louis
would appreciate it.

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