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RE: Notice of Discontinuation of Health Care Facility Mercy Hospital and Medical Center

Dear Attorney Green:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2020, putting us here at The Loretto Hospital on notice about the proposed discontinuation of Mercy Hospital's services.

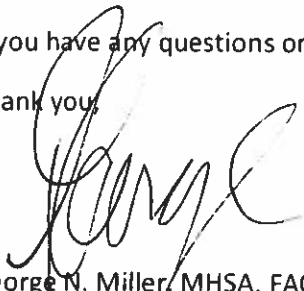
As you requested, to your three questions, our assessment of the impact of the discontinuation may have on The Loretto Hospital will be minimal, as we are not in the same service area. While we are very saddened that such a great institution, the very first hospital in Chicago is closing; our impact by the patients who may choose to come to The Loretto Hospital would be minimal, particularly because there are other facilities closer to Mercy Hospital than The Loretto Hospital.

Number 2, we do have the capacity to accommodate a portion of the patient population that have been historically served by Mercy.

Number 3, we do not have any conditions, restrictions or limitations that would prevent our hospital from serving the patient population historically served by Mercy Hospital, except for we do not provide obstetrician and gynecological services here at The Loretto Hospital at this time. Nor do we do catherization or births at The Loretto Hospital.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



George N. Miller, MSHA, FACHE
President and CEO

cc: Illinois Health Faciliti