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**From:** Court Petros <court.petros@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:45 PM  
**To:** DPH.HFSRB.PublicHearings  
**Subject:** Re: FW: [SUSPICIOUS MESSAGE] [External] Speaking AGAINST The Closing of Mercy Hospital

Received. Thank you.

On Thu, Oct 29, 2020 at 2:28 PM DPH.HFSRB.PublicHearings <[DPH.HFSRB.PublicHearings@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.HFSRB.PublicHearings@illinois.gov)> wrote:

Please add – thanks!

My name is Heather Wills and I am against the closing of Mercy Hospital. I am contacting you because Trinity wants to believe a lie—Trinity wants you to think that their health system is poor—too poor to be able to afford to keep Mercy open.

Poor is struggling to pay the rent, put food on the table and struggling to get the healthcare you need to keep you and your family healthy. Trinity doesn't know anything about being poor since Mercy recorded over 4 million in excess revenue over expenses in 2020, after Trinity claimed the hospital was losing millions. And Trinity, which owns and runs Mercy, reported having over \$30 billion—yes, that's BILLION with a B—in assets earlier this year, that included nearly \$12 Billion in unrestricted cash and investments—meaning money they can use however they want. I know you don't think \$12 billion to do what you want is poor. Not one of us will ever see \$12 billion in our life!

So if money isn't the issue, then it is obvious that Trinity just doesn't want to use that money to keep Mercy open. So on behalf of all the people whose health and lives depend upon Mercy staying open, I ask you to reject Trinity's application to close the hospital. They can afford to keep it open, and the people of the South Side can't afford for the hospital to close.

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