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To: <u>DPH.HFSRB.PublicHearings</u>
Subject: [External] Mercy Hospital

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that Chicago's south side communities cannot afford to lose Mercy Hospital. The health of the community and surrounding communities will be devastated if the hospital closes. Mercy plays a key role in servicing the community, including, but certainly not limited to its premier program in the care of patients with HIV/AIDS.

Additionally, Mercy is the oldest hospital in the city of Chicago. It is unimaginable that it would be allowed to close after serving the city for well over a century.

I am confident that there are other remedies that can be engaged in ordered to keep Mercy's doors open.

Thank you, Elaine Perkins, RN

Sent from my iPhone