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My name is Dr. Adeeb Zaer. I am an Emergency Medicine physician that lives in Bronzeville and works at Mercy Hospital. I am devastated to hear of the closure of this hospital and the effects that it will have both on its employees, but most importantly my neighbors. When they have been asking me "Doc, where am I supposed to go now? I get all my care there" I have no adequate response for them.

I am not a financial man and so it is difficult for me to comment on that. I do know medicine, however, and I can tell you that we see sick people from the community and nursing homes in the area, with connections to our physicians and the neighborhood. I do know relationships as well and care for those I serve. I have a deep connection within my community and am keenly aware of the impact that this will have on the area. I am saddened by this prospect and hope that it is not inevitable. An already oppressed community will be shouldering another blow.

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