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Greetings,

I wish to express our family's shock and disappointment in learning of the closure of Mercy Hospital. Mercy has been our hospital for over 75 years and find it hard to accept that it will be gone. For over 175 it has been caring for the near Southside of Chicago and now, when it is needed more than ever, it is to be suddenly taken away.

I, as an individual, will be hurt by its closing. In 2009 I had double bypass heart surgery at Mercy. Since then, I have been attending cardiac rehab sessions twice a week at Mercy at their rehab facility on the 12th floor. These Phase 3 rehab sessions over the last 10+ years are probably the reason why, at age 85, I'm alive today and in the healthy condition I'm in. The care and attention received in the rehab facility is far above what one can expect from a health club facility.

We hope that some action can be taken to keep Mercy Hospital from closing. The near Southside of Chicago is in need of more health care facilities not less. Some way needs to be found to keep a needed and beautiful hospital like Mercy that has been serving Chicago for 175 years open and serving the near Southside.

Thank you for listening to my plea.

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