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Dear DPH members,

I am sure you are all aware of the direct impact the closure of Mercy will have on our surrounding community. I wanted to share the reach that Mercy has had on me and many others that have dedicated their life to caring for patients in need.

I rotated at Mercy as a medical student and that is where I had many "lightbulb" moments. It was there I learned not just to diagnose and treat in an academic vacuum but how to deliver care that respected and addressed the complex backgrounds of all patients. Through the mentorship I received there, I eventually chose a career in emergency medicine and eventually became a chief resident at Mercy.

After graduating, I took the spirit of Mercy to both coasts and the Midwest. I carried for the urban and rural poor, veterans, and patients abroad. During my career, I utilized the skills I learned caring for patients at Mercy and shared these lessons with the students and residents I taught.

Closing Mercy will rob future patients of the lessons those that trained under it have learned and passed on to others. Mercy is a historic institution that deserves the support necessary to stay open to serve the community and the future patients of all that have trained behind its doors.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for listening to the voices of the public.

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