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My time spent as an emergency medicine resident physician working at Mercy has been an invaluable learning experience and an invaluable service to the community it serves. Mercy cares for the people society has turned a blind eye to and to close Mercy hospital would be a disgrace.

I obviously strongly oppose the closure of Mercy and to allow this to happen would be a black eye on a city I care so much about.

*“Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”*

Rich LaVeau