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To whom it may concern,

We live in an unfair world. When I look at the situation we are in with Mercy, I don't blame the company that is closing down Mercy; they are a business whose motive is to maintain fiscal responsibility. Despite being in the middle of a pandemic, they are following what is in their best interest, and the structures of our institutions allow them to do so with minimal challenge and repercussions.

The next steps fall upon the last barrier there is to keep such a detrimental outcome from happening. You all were elected, and hopefully ran for office, in order to fix the institutional problems that cause these disparities. Some of these who would be affected by such a move are your own constituents. At this point we have exhausted all of our resources to fight against Mercy closing down. The last and only chance there is from this happening is standing up for what is right comes down to you all. All we are asking for is to bring Trinity to the table to reach an agreement that results in the preservation of Mercy Hospital and the services they provide. There are parties interested in buying Mercy, but Trinity refuses to come to the table to negotiate. I beg you to do all that is in your elected power to prevent the shutdown or limitation of services to the community Mercy serves. If we don't the everlasting effects of this closure/limitation of services will cause unmeasurable damage to the community Mercy serves.

Respectfully,
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