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To whom it may concern:

Mercy Hospital, after Michael Reese Hospital, has been a mainstay in the community serving low-wealth and poor families for a very long time. Specifically, many Black families have utilized this hospital. As the pandemic worsens, it seems prudent to not only keep this hospital open, but to get more beds to support the community.

I moved to Chicago in 1989 and I have seen an increase in need for healthcare in our communities throughout the three decades plus that I have lived here.

My hope is that this email finds you all well and that you will strongly consider keeping this hospital open.

Sincerely,

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