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As a healthcare professional in a predominantly black neighborhood, I understand the dire need for quality care in our black and brown communities. I, also, understand that most won't receive it due to a lack of health insurance and/or finances. This is a problem.

Unlike many others, Mercy provides a helping hand to those who have been underserved and overlooked. The cancer patient who can't afford treatment, the struggling single mother, the grandparent who has now become the guardian and many others alike depend on Mercy for quality healthcare they can't and won't receive anywhere else. If we allow Trinity to close Mercy, we are purposely wreaking havoc on the same communities we should be saving. Haven't black and brown people been through enough???

In such a time of uncertainty, Mercy has remained a pillar of hope and a lifeline for the people it serves. That is why we CAN NOT allow Trinity to close Mercy...not now...not ever!

With hope, Niecey Borden

Sent from my iPhone