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To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not close Mercy Hospital. In the middle of a pandemic, Mercy Hospital is erroneously using bed counts from 2019 to justify its closing.

The closure of this hospital, in a predominately African American neighborhood, will further exacerbate the healthcare disparities among this population when compared to mainstream America. Mercy Hospital is a staple of the community on Chicago's Southside and a vital institution for low-income and uninsured/underinsured individuals seeking medical services.

Sincerely,

Nicole Weatherspoon