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To Whom it may Concern

A large percentage of residents that live in South side communities are low income families and people with disabilities. They rely on Mercy Hospital for health care. They may not be able to afford to go to another hospital, so we need to avoid the closure of Mercy Hospital. I was once a resident in that community so I was affected personally. I knew I could rely on Mercy for healthcare I'm aware that there is a number of disability organizations that depend on Mercy for treatment. They already have a food desert, now they are creating a healthcare desert, what's next?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue,

Michael Grice

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*Census 2020 is coming up. To ensure our community gets the funding we need for independent living services, it is essential that people with disabilities are counted. This March and April, [make sure you get counted!](#)*

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