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My name is Paris St. Clair and as a student of Rush University Medical College and a citizen of Chicago, I urge you to deny Trinity Health's request to transition Mercy Hospital to "Mercy Care Center". This change would have catastrophic impacts on the health of the Bronzeville community and will never meet their needs. We will not stand for healthcare profiteers eliminating access to care for Black and brown communities, especially during a pandemic that is disproportionately killing them. The only way to ensure the health and safety of Bronzeville is to require Trinity Health to sell the hospital. We ask you to deny their appeal once again in favor of public health and a moral obligation to protect our communities.

Thank you,  
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