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To the Illinois HFSRB,

My name is Taylor Laskowski and as a student of Rush University Medical College, 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 once again deny their appeal in favor of public health and a moral obligation to protect our communities.

Respectfully,

Taylor Laskowski