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Dear Illinois HFSRB,

As a medical student at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, I urge you to deny Trinity Health's request to transition Mercy Hospital to "Mercy Care Center." This change would have catastrophic impacts of the health and wellbeing of the people living in Bronzeville and will never meet their medical needs. I remind you that we are currently living through a second surge of COVID-19 cases, which disproportionally affects Black and Brown communities like the Bronzeville community. The Chicago medical community will not stand for healthcare organizations that profit from eliminating access to care for Black and Brown communities, especially during a pandemic that disproportionally kills 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 moral obligation to protect our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane." – Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Second National Convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Chicago, March 25, 1966