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Good evening,

I am one of the residents at mercy hospital and medical center in Chicago. It was brought to our attention that the trinity-health plans on opening a mercy care center instead of the hospital that currently exists and has been serving a large community that would otherwise not be getting the medical care that they need.

During our interactions with patients we see the necessity of a hospital in this location, we see the necessity of MHMC that has been playing a pivotal role in saving countless lives. The hospital that has been a beacon of education and medical center since any one of us has known Chicago.

Mercy care center is a system of downgrade which will eventually be followed be withdrawal of care from an under-served community thats struggling with medically as well as financially.

They need Mercy. We need Mercy.

Best, Munir