



Mercy Hospital Acquisition, LLC

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Ms. Savage:

We are providing written comments in relation to Trinity Health Corporation transferring ownership of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center and Mercy Health System of Chicago to Insight Chicago, Inc., as requested in the Application for Change of Ownership Exemption #E-003-21.

Our group, MHA LLC, is a local group that has been interested in providing management of the hospital while also seeking outside funding to initially help operate the hospital. To give an idea of our interest, we submitted a letter of intent to Trinity Health in late summer 2020. Our application was denied by Trinity Health based on the false statements that we did not want to maintain emergency room (ER) and obstetrics (OB) services, which was completely counterfactual to what we submitted and planned to do. Our intention has been all along to maintain a full-service acute care hospital, that includes ER and OB services.

Our interest in managing the hospital remains strong to this day. In fact, we are working with a local group of doctors on a joint effort with the hope of still managing the hospital and to create a true "health system" that can begin to erase the disparities in healthcare that exist today and create a healthier community overall. We think our combined effort presents a better option that satisfies all prerequisites that stakeholders involved have shared.

Thank you for your attention to this particularly important matter. We are hopeful that better days are still ahead for those that not only need the hospital to remain open but see a future where a health system can fulfill the dream of erasing healthcare inequities that plague the community as a whole.

Regards,

MHA LLC