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My name is Barbara Ricks. I live in Chicago, IL. in Hyde Park.  
For 32 years all of the physicians' I went to were on the staff at Mercy Hospital.  
I had many surgeries, doctor visits, tests. What I needed was available to me there.  
In Jan. 2020, my sister was very ill with COPD, I took her to the E.R. at Mercy and she  
was admitted to the hospital. That would not be possible now!!

I am writing to ask the Review Board to delay or deny the exemption application until  
further consideration of other potential buyers are considered  
I support the Chicago Health Equity Coalitions' position that Mercy must be kept as a  
full service safety net hospital and that there should be community participation when  
this occurs.

All we are asking for is good, equitable, accessible health care in our community.

Many thanks,  
Barbara Ricks