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Hello,

My name is Barbara Sutton and I am a parishioner at St. James Catholic Church in Bronzeville. As a member of the church's social care board and a volunteer at the food pantry, I know how the community depends on Mercy Hospital.

This is a precarious time for health care on Chicago's South Side as Trinity leaves and Mercy faces either closing or a new owner. I support the Chicago Health Equity Coalition's position that all potential buyers must have the opportunity to submit a proposal for Mercy and for all proposals to be considered in a fair and transparent process.

With that in mind, I ask the Review Board to either delay its decision on the exemption application, or deny the application pending future consideration.

This is a matter of life or death for people in the area so it makes sense to take the time to select a plan that best serves the community. Mercy must be preserved as a full-service public safety-net hospital with a comprehensive Emergency Department, OBGYN, including care for high-risk pregnancies, behavioral health and a primary stroke and cardiac center.

Thank you for your attention.

Barbara Sutton

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