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Subject: [External] E-003-21 Mercy Hospital
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Greetings,

As a volunteer and patient of Mercy Hospital who lives in Eastgate Village immediately east of Mercy Hospital in Bronzeville, I request the Review Board to either delay its decision on the exemption application or deny the application pending future consideration.

I support the Chicago Health Equity Coalition's position that all potential buyers must have the opportunity to submit a proposal, and for all proposals to be considered in a fair and transparent process. Prior to a sale, I request a clear public plan to restore Mercy to a fully operational teaching hospital.

Mercy Hospital is an invaluable community health resource and 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.

While I support the sale of Mercy to any responsible and invested entity committed to transparency, there must be significant community representation on the board, to effectively preserve Mercy Hospital's mission of health care and education.

Sincerely,
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The Moral Arc of the Universe is long, but it bends toward Justice.
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