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Hello,

My name is Danielle Ayodele and I am a neighborhood resident who lives directly across the street from Mercy. I look at Mercy every day from my living room window. I am grateful for this hospital in the area and it's proximity to me and others in this community, and am deeply saddened by everything that is going on. It is absolutely critical that Mercy 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.

I ask 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.

Additionally, I support the sale of Mercy to any responsible and invested entity committed to transparency to the community, significant community representation on the board, and preservation of the full extent of Mercy Hospital's mission of health care and education. However, prior to a sale, I request a clear public plan to restore Mercy to a fully operational teaching hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please do what is right.  
Danielle

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