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My name is Elizabeth A Wolszon. I am a 31-year resident of the south loop and a past patient at Merch Hospital.

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.

Here we are at a time where all of us must stand up for racial equality and justice. Mercy is the one full-service, public safety-net hospital with a comprehensive Emergency Department, OB/GYN, including care for high-risk pregnancies, behavioral health and a primary stroke and cardiac center available to a large group of economically challenged neighbors... many people of color who need this care.

Prior to a sale, I request a clear public plan to restore Mercy to a fully operational teaching hospital. To take this away just as we have all seen the health care inequity shown so clearly by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the time to stand up for what is right and take the time to do what is needed.

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