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Good Afternoon,

At this time, 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 that for all proposals to be considered in a fair and transparent way. I and many others see the importance for Mercy Hospital in the community and for the hospital to 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.

I understand the importance in supporting the sale of Mercy and request that careful consideration be given to proposals for a responsible and invested entity that would be 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. Prior to the sale, I request the consideration for a clear public plan to restore Mercy to a fully operational teaching hospital.

Without an ICU, fully comprehensive Emergency Room, Labor and Delivery, Stroke unit, etc.. the community will greatly suffer. Insight does not plan to continue to have a hospital in this area, which would greatly affect the health and well-being of the Bronzeville and South Loop community.

Thank you for your time,
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