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Subject: [External] E-003-21 Mercy Hospital
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Dear Review Board Members,

I am asking that you delay your decision to allow the sale of Mercy Hospital to Insight Chicago, Inc.. Even though I live a few miles away in Hyde Park, my family has depended on receiving care at Mercy. My niece and nephew were born at Mercy, my son has received emergency care there, and I received rehabilitation after surgery there - where my insurance was accepted. I prayed in the Mercy chapel after my grandmother was given compassionate hospice care right before she passed away. We need to keep Mercy Hospital a community hospital where women can deliver their babies, older folk can receive hospice care and emergency services are offered; **we want to be sure the hospital is sold to an entity that will keep Mercy a full service hospital** that serves the surrounding Black and Chinese neighborhoods. We are underserved communities and deserve care during this pandemic and at all times.

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.

Many thanks for your consideration,
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