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I am writing to express my concern for closing the Mercy Health Facility on Rockton Avenue in Rockford, IL.

I am disappointed that this hospital is being considered for closing. This hospital serves a great need in Rockford and on the Northwest side of Rockford. I live in Northwest Rockford and go to the clinic at Mercy. I have used the Emergency Room at Mercy on Rockton Avenue. It is closer to my home and in an emergency, time matters. I do not feel the decision to close this hospital shows any care for the residents on Northwest Rockford and that is shameful. We pay taxes too and we are human beings.

Please do not allow this hospital to close.

Thank You,

Diedre Hempstead