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I am a Westside resident and former consumer of services provided at the former Rockford Memorial Hospital and Clinic. I live 4 minutes from the hospital. If I need emergency medical attention I now have to travel 15 to 30 minutes to get to a facility for help.

I believe that Mercy Health said what the public wanted to hear, knowing that they had no intention to keep their Westside services open.

This difference in time can be the difference between life and death. Please remember that "Do no harm" is the oath that doctors take. Mercy Health needs to remember who got them where they are today. We supported the health system and kept the facilities busy for many years. They owe it to the community to give us all a chance to live. The Eastside didn't need another hospital. Mercy Health abandoned the Westside of Rockford and surrounding areas. Stop the money hungry nonprofit from filling their pockets while leaving their consumers lifesaving time away from getting medical care.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

With sincere concern,

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