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The city of Rockford needs the inpatient services that the Mercy Health Rockton Ave campus provides.

Now more than ever!

We're seeing the effect that decisions have made almost two years into a pandemic.

Patients with Medicaid, Children, The disabled and the elderly have already been cut from service. This decision has created a crumbling domino effect.

The surge in covid cases has made life saving care inaccessible.

The hospital systems which have started seeing the patients turned away are overwhelmed!
In an emergency you want care fast.

This is what the Mercy health Rockton Ave campus provides. Especially for people on Rockfords west side.

This also provides jobs for people!

Healthcare is not a business!

Accessible healthcare is essential for our community!

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