

**Tina Tinsley, OB Tech Roseland for 17 years**

My name is Tina Tinsley, I have worked as an Obstetrics technician at Roseland hospital for over 17 years and I'm writing you today to voice my concerns about the proposed merger between Advocate Aurora Health and North Carolina-based Atrium Health.

As an OB Tech and south suburban resident I can not support the proposed merger out of concern for the women and families that I care for in my community.

Earlier this year Advocate permanently closed its Obstetrics unit at South Suburban, depriving South Side and South Suburban communities of one of the few birthing centers in our community.

Seeing critical services like Obstetrics being shut down is terrible for the demographic we serve, which is predominantly Black women who already have a higher maternal mortality rate than any other race in America.

Advocate has shown that their only priorities are to increase profit even if that means closing essential services that keep our residents alive. If they are approved to proceed with this merger, I am afraid that they will continue to close other services at their hospitals, services that are already desperately needed to care for residents in these medically underserved neighborhoods.