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I am opposed to closing the OSF Hospital in Ottawa.

I am 64 years old and have lived here all my life.

My parents have passed a couple years ago, but with aging I had them at OSF in Ottawa all the time.

My brother is in Ottawa Pavillion nursing home and he has had to go to the hospital several times. He has traumatic brain injury and if he needs to go to the hospital they will now be shipping him to another town. I'm his only family and I would have to be with him 24/7- shutting the Ottawa hospital down to a few beds is crazy. He has been shipped to Rockford and my mom to Peoria because there were no beds - there really won't be beds.

Having to drive half hour for ob and no ICU is something I don't even want to think about.

Please put yourself in our position - how close do you live to a hospital, ob delivery, intensive care?

This really is scary how far we will have to go for service - driving RT 6 to Peru in the winter with ambulances.

Please do not shut down our OB and ICU and eliminate beds - Ottawa and surrounding towns needs the Ottawa Hospital.

Please do what is right and Keep Our Hospital.

My mom worked for CHO and how it was transferred to OSF. Sad they were given the hospital and now are going to eliminate our services.

Thanks

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