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Good Afternoon,

I am emailing to amplify the voices of my community and the nurses within the Union, National Nurses United.

My name is Melissa and I am a concerned woman, mother and community member. It is unacceptable and frankly, inhumane, to close facilities where life saving care is provided to pregnant people. Every day, Labor and Delivery units save lives of parents and babies. The closure of this facility, a decision based on corporate greed, will kill people. And if you are unable to prevent this, you are directly complicit.

I hope you have enough respect for women, birthing people, nurses and newborns to stop this closure.

DEMANDS

Nurses demands:

1. The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board must DENY Alexian Brothers request for exemption for a Certificate of Need, and application for exemption for the discontinuation of the 28-bed obstetric category of service at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, 800 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois (#E-008-25).
2. Ascension must fulfill its mission and take the following steps to become an industry leader in combating the meteoric rise in obstetric health care deserts and lowering the pregnancy-related mortality rate:
 - Listen to nurses, safely staffing every unit to ensure the best care for patients;
 - Maintain obstetric services at Alexian Brothers Medical Center;
 - Commit to reopening closed labor and delivery wards; and
 - Provide obstetrics services at all new hospitals Ascension opens or acquires.

Ascension is GREEDY, not struggling financially:

Ascension is the second-largest and wealthiest nonprofit and Catholic health system in the country. In fiscal year 2021, Ascension reported a net income of more than \$5.7 billion, and the system's CEO took home a compensation package worth more than \$13 million. Additionally, according to a 2022 Securities and Exchange Commission filing, Ascension runs an investment company that manages more than \$41 billion.

Closing labor and delivery services without notifying the public is extremely dangerous in

what is a very vulnerable moment for families.

Thank you,

Melissa Hasselbring