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To whom it may concern:

I am a labor and delivery RN in Chicago. I am appalled to know that another crucial OB unit in Chicagoland might be shut down. In 2012, there were 3,059 hospitals with a labor and delivery department. Between 2012 and 2021, 469 labor and delivery departments closed in the United States. We can not allow Alexian Brothers Medical Center L&D to join that number.

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:

1. Listen to nurses, safely staffing every unit to ensure the best care for patients;
2. Maintain obstetric services at Alexian Brothers Medical Center
3. Commit to reopening closed labor and delivery wards; and
4. Provide obstetrics services at all new hospitals Ascension opens or acquires.
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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. This is NOT a financial issue -- Ascension absolutely has the funds to fulfil their promise to care for patients.

Thank you for your consideration,

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