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To whom it may concern,

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

It is inhumane and unacceptable to close facilities in which life saving care is provided to pregnant people. Every day, Labor and Delivery units save the 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.
- 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:
 - a. Listen to nurses, safely staffing every unit to ensure the best care for patients;
 - b. Maintain obstetric services at Alexian Brothers Medical Center
 - c. Commit to reopening closed labor and delivery wards; and
 - d. Provide obstetrics services at all new hospitals Ascension opens or acquires.

Please stop helping to make the world worse.

Thank you,
Bonnie Wedster, RA