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Subject: [External] Opposition to Alexian Brothers closure
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Subject: Please Preserve Labor and Delivery Services at Alexian Brothers

Dear members of the board,

I delivered my first baby this past July at Alexian Brothers, choosing this hospital because of the overwhelmingly positive experiences and recommendations from other mothers who had delivered there. I intentionally bypassed other hospitals, including Saint Alexius, after being warned that the experience would likely be very different and less personal due to the higher volume of deliveries and less experienced labor and delivery staff. My pregnancy was healthy. Like the majority of women, I did not require a Level III facility.

From admission through delivery, my experience at Alexian Brothers was exceptional. The care was truly patient-centered—every request I made was heard and honored. Even as a first-time mom with a longer labor, I never felt rushed. Every member of the team treated me with dignity and respect.

Alexian Brothers provided the ideal balance: individualized, compassionate care with every resource available should complications have arisen. There is no reason why hospitals cannot maintain this high standard of care while remaining equipped for emergencies.

I urge you not to allow Ascension to discontinue these vital services in pursuit of financial convenience. Expectant mothers in our community deserve the same collaborative, respectful, and individualized birth experience that I was so fortunate to have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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