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To: [Constantino, Mike](#)
Subject: [External] My letter in opposition of closing Ascension Alexian Brothers Labor & Delivery
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Dear Mr. Constantino,

As a longtime resident of Elk Grove Village, I would like to share my reasons for opposing the closure of Labor and Delivery at Ascension Alexian Brothers. As you read this, please know that I am a senior citizen who chose to remain childless, so imagine how residents who are starting and growing their families must be feeling now and how such a complete lack of basic childbirth services would influence younger families considering buying a home here. An older woman with a possibly higher-risk pregnancy would also be subject to additional probability of an unfavorable outcome without a nearby hospital providing comprehensive mother-baby services.

At multiple entry points into Elk Grove Village there are signs proclaiming that we are "The Exceptional Community." There are many reasons that is true, including having a full-service hospital conveniently located in the center of our community. In addition to our residents, we also have around 100,000 people working daily between our expansive industrial park and other large businesses.

Supposedly, Alexian Brothers will continue to offer prenatal visits and services such as imaging. I think we can accurately predict that some of the OB-GYN providers will begin to move their practices out of town if they are unable to offer delivery at the same facility as their office location, further reducing women's healthcare access in Elk Grove.

The plan of the hospital administrators, looking at the bottom line rather than the human element, is expecting and hoping that residents will be able to instead safely give birth at St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates, another 20 minutes or so away on a good day. We were given assurances that the Emergency Department would handle any obstetric emergencies that could not wait for transfer to the other hospital. The ED at Alexian Brothers is already stretched to the limit with staffing shortages and there might not be an OB specialist on hand at all times. There are so many potentially serious obstetric emergencies and some must be addressed often in just a minute or two and situations can change in an actual heartbeat.

I've discussed the closing of this essential department with so many people of all ages and family types and nobody thinks it's a good idea for our community.

Sincerely,

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