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Subject: [External] Ascension Alexian Brothers Women and Infant Services
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a nurse that is dedicated to the community that I serve. I have proudly worked as a nurse for 16 years. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed closure of the Women and Infant services at Ascension Alexian Brothers in Elk Grove Village, IL.

This decision would have devastating consequences for our community, particularly for expectant mothers, newborns, and families who depend on timely, local access to obstetric and emergency maternal care.

Closing this unit will force patients to travel further to receive essential services—an unacceptable risk when minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

I feel that a hospital should have an obligation to serve its immediate community, just as a school district has state enforced obligations to meet the individual needs of any child that resides within its district. Why are the standards different for healthcare institutions? Why are hospitals allowed to make decisions solely based on money without obligation to serve their immediate community?

I fear that the concept of building a center of excellence is marketing jargon. The concept of siloing specialties may make sense on paper, but when you speak to individuals that are doing the life saving, quality work daily- you'll hear differently. When you look at a case by case basis, individual patient needs don't all fit into the center of excellence model.

I respectfully urge the board to reconsider the proposed closure of Women and Infant Services at Ascension Alexian Brothers.

Sincerely,

Allison Enzenbacher