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Thank you for sharing these email addresses on Facebook for maternity closure concerns. I cannot come to the meeting so I am sending my concerns via email!

I am currently pregnant with my 4th child and due in November. My first was born at Riverside due to a known heart condition and my 2nd and 3rd were born via induction at Dublin. I chose inductions and Dublin due to my 1st induction going so well and wanting access to a NICU just in case something went wrong. Knowing this is my last pregnancy and due to some minor complications with the epidural last time, I don't want to be induced and want to labor at home as long as possible before going to the hospital. My uncomplicated labors and lack of issues post birth have made me comfortable with going to Grady this time. I have been looking very much forward to and excited about this birth being different and allowing my body to do it on its own. I live next to Penn Lanes and Grady is a literal .5 mile drive from my house. I was excited to go to Grady for this birth as I knew I could even get there in between contractions and not be stuck in the car for a long time laboring. In the past, all 3 of my births I have gone from 5cm to pushing in less than 30 minutes. Ohio Health maternity will not admit you unless you are at 4cm. I am frankly terrified of having a baby at home in case of a complication (I know people do it all the time but it's not for me) and I have a new car that I absolutely do not want to give birth in nor do I want to have a baby on the side of the road. I now feel that I am in a position that I have to get to Dublin earlier than I want and can't labor at home as much as I want because I have a 35+ minute drive there. In the event they turn me away and knowing how fast my previous labors have progressed, I don't want to drive another 35+ minutes home and then drive back when I'm further nor do I want to just labor in the Dublin Hospital parking lot. This closure is affecting me a lot negatively trying to prepare mentally for my first natural birth.

This also concerns me greatly for the future of women giving birth as there is nothing closer than 30+ minutes in the fastest growing county in Ohio. Instead of closing, I would have loved to see OhioHealth ask why women why they aren't going to Grady. With my 2nd and 3rd, the only reason was having access to a NICU. I have many friends who have all made the same decision for the same reason as well. This would instantly make the maternity ward at Grady so much more desirable and I truly believe that this would greatly increase the amount of women that would choose to go to Grady.

Thank you,

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