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I want my statement reflected in the record.

Dearn Members of City Council,

I am a mother living in Delaware city and writing to you to ask you to take every possible action to prevent the closure of the maternity unit at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Access to maternity care is an essential healthcare service. Closing the maternity unit will have a significant negative impact on this community. It would force expectant mothers and families to travel farther for labor, delivery and emergency obstetric services. Increased travel times can create serious risks. When I was pregnant with my first, we decided to deliver in Dublin, and I almost did not make it to the hospital in time and was pushing during the drive to Dublin. Once I reached the hospital, I was required to have an urgent C-section due to the position of my baby. I am currently trying to conceive my second child and was planning to give birth at Grady memorial hospital due to the urgency of my first birthing experience. With Delaware Country continuing to grow, we should be providing more resources, not taking them away. The loss of the Grady Memorial maternity unit will also place additional strain on neighboring hospitals reducing the quality-of-care throughput of our region. Families in Delaware county deserve access to local maternity services.

I ask the City Council to work with hospital leadership and community members to explore every option to maintain maternity services at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and your commitment to the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

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