



Certificate of Need Program

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Original Signature 		Date <b>July 15, 2024</b>

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for 6 years, and my wife and I have been residents of Franklin County while also working in Lincoln County for years.

When friends and neighbors who know I work for Mercy talk to me about their own health care journey, they tell me they appreciate Mercy's continued dedication to the region, but often ask when they will build a new hospital in the area so they won't have to travel so far to get the care they need. That time is now.

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. This plan is incredibly good news for families, individuals and business owners in our area to uplift the entire community's health.

The depth of services Mercy is planning to provide with this new hospital are nothing short of extraordinary. These services include cardiovascular, emergency services, gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, urology, women's services and much more. Along with excellence service, we truly provide compassionate care to each member of the community.

I believe health care closer to home is better for everybody involved, and I hope you agree. Please support the families in my community by supporting Mercy's hospital plan. Your support would make an immeasurable difference in so many lives.

Sincerely,

*Rocco Gonzalez*

1938 Meriwether Drive  
Washington, MO 63090

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

As an Integration Engineer at Mercy, I am passionate about providing the highest quality service to every patient and provider that I serve. Recently, Mercy announced its plan to build a new hospital campus in Wentzville. This plan will support the rising population growth within the St. Charles County thus fulfilling the need for more accessible health care services closer to the residents of this and neighboring counties.

I, myself, live in Wentzville and my four children go to school within the Wentzville School District. My husband also works for the district as an Instructional Assistant for the Milestone program. I have had three of my four children at Mercy Hospital St. Louis, and we receive most of our specialized care at Mercy St. Louis as well. It's roughly 45 minutes for us one way—or an hour and a half round trip—just for travel to receive this specialized care. As such, it would be outstanding to have Mercy care closer to home, and I encourage you to support this plan.

Making this plan a reality would mean many patients in the area won't have to travel as far to get the quality care they need. Not only that, but by providing an additional location for emergent and specialized care, we can reduce wait times to receive quality care not just at Mercy locations but at other hospitals in the area. This facility will increase the number of beds available to the community so that more people can receive care when they need it. You would be a champion for these families by doing everything you can to help make this hospital campus a reality.

Soaring population growth in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties necessitate more health care services in the region. I hope you will support the people of the tri-county region by supporting Mercy's plan to open a new hospital campus in Wentzville.

Sincerely,

Victoria Castillo  
1419 Devonshire County Dr.  
Wentzville, Mo 63385

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for 13 years, and my husband and I have been residents of St. Charles County for many years. I grew up in the county and most of my extended family live here as well. My husband and I are raising our three daughters here and love our community.

When friends and neighbors who know I work for Mercy talk to me about their own health care journey, they tell me they appreciate Mercy's continued dedication to the region, but often ask when they will build a hospital in the area, so they won't have to travel so far to get the care they need and WANT. St. Charles County does not have Mercy acute care services and I know for my family and extended family, we will only go to Mercy in St. Louis. My physicians are Mercy, so it is extremely important to me that I continue care in the same system. Recently, I experienced post-partum bleeding through my surgical site, and I needed to go to the ED. As I delivered at Mercy, I wanted to seek care at Mercy. My husband had to drive me as I laid flat in the car while holding pressure to my abdomen during morning rush hour traffic to Mercy St. Louis. This is one example of many as to why Wentzville needs be the home of the next Mercy hospital.

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital, and medical campus in Wentzville. This plan is incredibly good news for families, individuals, and business owners in our area.

The depth of services Mercy is planning to provide with this new hospital are nothing short of extraordinary. These services include cardiovascular, emergency services, gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, urology, women's services and much more.

I believe health care closer to home is better for everybody involved, and I hope you agree. Please support the families in my community by supporting Mercy's hospital plan. Your support would make an immeasurable difference in so many lives.

Sincerely,

Sheila Ries  
572 Crystal Stream Drive  
Wentzville, MO 63385

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

As a registered nurse at Mercy from St./ Charles County, I am passionate about providing the highest quality care to every patient I serve. Recently, Mercy announced its plan to build a new hospital campus in Wentzville. It would be outstanding to have Mercy care closer to home, and I encourage you to support this plan.

Making this plan a reality would mean many patients in the area won't have to travel as far to get the quality care they need. You would be a champion for these families by doing everything you can to help make this hospital campus a reality.

Soaring population growth in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties necessitate more health care services in the region. I hope you will support the people of the tri-county region by supporting Mercy's plan

Sincerely,

Vicki Kelly  
3876 Bedford Pointe Dr  
Wentzville, Mo 63385

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy Jefferson for more than three years, and my husband and I have been residents of Jefferson County for nearly eight years. We are actively involved in our community. In my previous role at Mercy, I worked as a Community Health Worker, serving the uninsured and low-income residents of the area by connecting them to community resources to help meet their needs for physical health, mental health, food, clothing, housing and utility assistance, and more. In my current role as hospice Bereavement Coordinator, I continue to serve the community by providing grief support and bereavement services to individuals across the lifespan who are experiencing grief and loss.

While I have been a patient of Mercy providers for years, I recently experienced the in-patient services our hospital provides. I had an outpatient EGD procedure in December 2023 and then had a gastric bypass procedure in March 2024, followed by an overnight stay in the hospital. Both experiences made me proud to be an employee of Mercy Hospital Jefferson. Every staff member – from the anesthesia team to the surgeons to the nurses and aides who checked on me throughout the night – demonstrated the values and care that exemplify the heart of Mercy. I was treated with heartfelt compassion and never doubted that I was in good hands. I know this was not special treatment for a fellow co-worker but that this care is typical for the Mercy team. My home is just 3.4 miles from my place of work and the hospital where I have received my care. It is a blessing and privilege to be a member of this community, to receive care here, and to provide this quality of service to others.

I am writing to express my support – and encourage your support – for Mercy’s plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. This plan is great news for families, individuals, and business owners in the area. Though I live in Jefferson County, it is also good news for my family. My sisters and their families live in Wentzville and my stepchildren live in Troy. It would give me comfort to know that a Mercy hospital is available closer to their homes. This new hospital will be a benefit to my family and countless others.

I believe healthcare closer to home is a benefit to the entire community and I hope you agree. Please support the families in the Wentzville community by supporting Mercy’s hospital plan. Your support would make a positive difference in many lives.

Sincerely,

Destiny Brooks  
Mercy Hospital Jefferson | Hospice Bereavement Coordinator  
1024 Parc Central Drive | Festus, MO 63028

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for over 15 years. My son, immediate family, and I have been residents of Wentzville, Mo in St. Charles County for 20 years. We are raising our children here and we love our community and surrounding communities.

I have encountered many friends, family, and neighbors in Wentzville and surrounding communities talk to me about how much they love Mercy. Words like trust, safe, and exceptional care are the things that stand out to me when I hear any feedback about their experiences. If there is ever a negative, it is the distance they must travel to get to Mercy St. Louis Hospital. Despite other options in hospitals west of St. Louis, they choose Mercy and drive 20-40 miles to get to St. Louis.

As a Mercy nurse leader and member of the Wentzville community in St. Charles County, I am very passionate about providing high quality, exceptional care by serving our community. Mercy's plan to build a new state of the art hospital and medical campus in Wentzville is outstanding news for all members of our fast-growing community; families, individuals, and business owners in our area will benefit greatly from this development.

I ask for your support in bringing Mercy's Mission and Values to our Wentzville and surrounding St. Charles County communities. By bringing Mercy healthcare closer to home, we will continue to serve the people and make an incredible difference in countless lives.

Sincerely,

Sandra Redel  
820 Liberty Creek Dr.  
Wentzville, Mo. 63385

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been part of the Mercy team for three years now, and my family and I have proudly called St. Charles County home for the past 18 years. This community has been the backdrop to raising our children, and we've grown to cherish every aspect of it.

When I chat with friends and neighbors about Mercy and their own health experiences, one recurring theme is their appreciation for Mercy's commitment to our region. However, many also express their longing for a hospital closer to home to ease the burden of travel when seeking medical care. Well, the time for that change has arrived.

I'm reaching out to share my enthusiastic support for Mercy's initiative to construct a cutting-edge 75-bed hospital and medical complex in Wentzville. This endeavor heralds fantastic news for families, individuals, and local businesses alike.

The breadth of services Mercy plans to offer at this new facility is truly remarkable. From cardiovascular and emergency care to specialties like gastroenterology, neurosciences, and women's services, the range of services is extensive and promising.

I firmly believe that accessible healthcare is beneficial for everyone involved, and I hope you share this sentiment. By rallying behind Mercy's hospital project, we can make a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals in our community.

Warm regards,

Samira Alasgarli  
1230 Summer Lynne Dr  
O'Fallon, MO 63366



Ms. Alison Droge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Droge:

As an Administrative Assistance at Mercy from Lincoln County now, I am enthusiastic about, getting the highest quality care to every patient Mercy serve no matter their region. Recently, Mercy announced its plan to build a new hospital campus in Wentzville. It would be outstanding to have Mercy care closer to home, and I encourage you to support this plan. I have talked to family members and friends, and they are all behind having a hospital in Wentzville.

I have grown up in western St. Charles County and I can tell you with my family's illness and trying to get the care they needed required times of me putting them in my car and making a very quick trip into Mercy in St. Louis County. Making this plan a reality would mean patients in the area will not have to travel as far to get the quality care they need. You would be a champion for these families by doing everything you can to help make this hospital campus a reality.

Soaring population growth in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties necessitate more, health care services in the region. I hope you will support the people of the tri-county region by supporting Mercy's plan.

Sincerely,

Nancy Shepherd  
1965 Myers Rd.  
Troy Mo. 63379

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for 19 years, and my family has been a resident of St. Charles County since 1978. I worked at an Internal Medicine office in St. Charles and once I became a nurse, transferred to Mercy St. Louis and then Mercy Washington; how I would have loved to have been able to transfer to a Mercy Hospital in St. Charles County when I became a nurse.

Mercy's mission statement, values, and sense of community have guided me over the past 19 years, and since working at the doctor's office (2005-2016) I always said how much it would benefit, not only St. Charles County but the surrounding counties, if there were a Mercy Hospital on the west side of the Missouri River. I know in the past that patients I have taken care of were nervous that if they went to a hospital that was not Mercy, if their care would be at the level that Mercy provides, since there was no Mercy Hospital close to them and going "across the river", is something some St. Charles County residents do not do.

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. Mercy has provided physician offices and outpatient services to St. Charles County and the surrounding counties, and with the abundance of the population growth and the aging of the communities Mercy serves, a Mercy Hospital in Wentzville with the services that are planned to be provided, would be beneficial to patients, community members, and the future of St. Charles County.

The depth of services Mercy is planning to provide with this new hospital are nothing short of extraordinary. These services include cardiovascular, emergency services, gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, urology, women's services, and much more.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Crisler, RN  
320 Columbia Dr.  
Wentzville, MO 63385

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I am a co-worker with Mercy Virtual. I live in Wentzville, and work from home. I am a Medical Staff Professional in the Support Services department for Mercy Virtual. I have been a co-worker with Mercy Virtual for 13+ years, the entirety of my time with Mercy.

I am so excited that Mercy is working on getting a major facility in the area. I am proud to work for Mercy and refer all my friends and family to Mercy, but the tri-county region is saturated with other healthcare systems. Some who do not have the excellent reputation that Mercy has. As a new young family, we exclusively utilize Mercy physicians, so having an ER close to home and additional resources are very important to me.

Please consider an affirmative decision in Mercy's plan to bring a healthcare center to Wentzville, MO, and healthcare resources closer to home for thousands of residents.

Sincerely,

Samantha Ard, CPCS, CPMSM  
475 Honeysuckle Creek Drive  
Wentzville, MO 63385

May 2, 2024

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Ms. Dorge,

I have been a Mercy employee for about a year and half now, my family members have been residents of St. Charles County for more than 45 years, and we love where we live! The exciting news we have heard about our health organization growing has been a breath of fresh air and we highly support and encourage the building of the next-generation hospital/medical campus in Wentzville. No one can better recognize the growth in this area than myself...the amount of farming land that has transformed to residential subdivisions is staggering and our medical arena just has not kept up with the demand of the local populous. Extended wait times in the ED and over-crowding of hospital admissions is not infrequent leaving patients aggravated, frustrated, and sometimes completely unattended regarding their health concerns.

I personally request your most sincere consideration to support the families in my community and bring this extraordinary plan to realization. The capability to impact many lives is in your hands right now.

Respectfully,

Mary Welz, BS, RHIA  
Cardiovascular Service Line  
Mercy Coding Services  
4650 Onondaga Trail  
St. Charles MO 63304

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for 23+ years, joining Mercy after consulting for them for near 4 years. My family have been residents of St. Charles County for 30 years including the last 23 in Wentzville. We raised our children here and love our community.

Each and every day, I see firsthand the immense challenges faced by cancer patients and their families. My family has been personally impacted by cancer so when Mercy announced that they intend to build a new hospital campus in Wentzville, which will include oncology services, it came as welcome news. During my wife's battle with cancer, she had to drive at least 20 mile for more than 50 visits/treatments. A new campus which will include a linear accelerator, CT simulation and infusion means more services close to home for cancer patients and everyone involved in their lives. I hope you will support both patients and physicians by endorsing this new project.

When friends and neighbors who know I work for Mercy talk to me about their own health care journey, they tell me they appreciate Mercy's continued dedication to the region but comment about how far the drive is for them to receive the high level of care only Mercy can provide--often driving by other health system hospitals on their way. They ask when Mercy will build a new hospital in the area so they won't have to travel so far to get the care they need. That time is now.

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. This plan is incredibly good news for families, individuals and business owners in our area.

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Sincerely,

Michael F Schwinn  
1627 Westshyre Drive  
Wentzville MO 63385

(Mailing address is 1627 Westshyre Drive, Lake St Louis MO 63367)

In August, my husband and his older sister both had strokes on the same day. He came to Mercy South where I work and she went to a small SSM hospital in Lake St. Louis. He was diagnosed immediately and had superb care because Mercy South is a premier Stroke Center. It took 5 days for the other hospital to figure out his sister even had a stroke. It is now an hour til May and my husband is back doing all the things he loves while his sister is not even able to walk yet. I'm hoping that the Wentzville Mercy hospital has the wonderful kind of stroke doctors and nurses that we do so people who live out in other counties don't have to suffer.

Thank you for expanding to Wentzville.

Marcia and David Jacobi

3025 Silver Bow Court

St. Louis MO 63129-5221

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

My husband recently had to travel to Mercy Hospital Washington for care, because the ERCP was not available (at Mercy) near where we live. He had to stay in the hospital several days for antibiotics. This was a very long drive for me to visit him also. We could have went to St Louis, that is a one hour drive for us also. He needs to see a urologist but one is not available in our area with Mercy. We will be happy to have a larger hospital near where we live. Wentzille MO would be only 20 minutes from our home.

Thank your very much.

Sincerely,

Lori Boedeker  
3627 HWY B  
ELSBERRY MO 63343

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I live just a few miles down Hwy Z and fully support having this hospital built in our area. We have lived in Wentzville area since 2004 when we built our home.

I currently will schedule my appointments for services at the Lincoln County Mercy or in Washington to avoid the traffic going into St. Louis. I am very excited to have a Mercy Hospital in the Wentzville area... for myself and my extended family who live in the area including my son and his three children.

I have been saying for years we need a bigger presence in St. Charles County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Ward Pruitt  
17 Robison Court  
Wentzville, MO 63385



Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have worked at Mercy for sixteen years. My husband, my two children and I reside in O'Fallon, MO. I have been a resident of St. Charles County for 22 years, since 2002. We have raised our two children in this community since birth. They are currently sixteen and nineteen and both live at home while attending school full time. We love our community. We also love Mercy. My children were both born at Mercy St. Louis and I chose Mercy pediatricians to care for them, prior to my employment at Mercy. I say this to point out that I do not choose Mercy care only because I am employed by them. I have always chosen Mercy and always will.

I am employed with Mercy as a pharmacist. I have previously worked for Mercy in Lincoln County and St. Louis County, as Mercy did not previously have employment opportunities yet in St. Charles County. With the recent expansion of Mercy retail pharmacy services, through the acquisition of Dierbergs pharmacies, Mercy was able to offer pharmacist employment opportunities in our county. I currently am employed full time in a work from home position with Mercy but also work in several of our Mercy Dierbergs pharmacies in St. Charles County, as well as staff weekends at Mercy St. Louis Rehab Hospital.

Anytime my friends or neighbors ask for referrals for their own health care needs, I recommend Mercy. However, currently they have to drive to St. Louis County to be able to obtain specialists or inpatient care.

Mercy is planning to provide a variety of new health care options including inpatient care, and services that include cardiovascular, emergency services, gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, urology, women's services and much more. This is of great importance to the residents of St. Charles County. We will be able to receive the extraordinary care and exceptional service that Mercy provides while not having to travel outside of St. Charles County to receive it.

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. I was ecstatic when Mercy made the announcement of their intentions to expand further in St. Charles County. This plan is incredibly good news for my family as well as families, individuals and business owners in our area.

Through the expansion of Mercy services in St. Charles County, Mercy will be able to provide health care closer to home. Please support the families in my community by supporting Mercy's hospital plan. Your support would make an immeasurable difference in so many lives.

Sincerely,

Kim Harris  
114 Auburn Trace Pointe  
Saint Peters, MO 63376

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

Good afternoon!

I have been a Mercy co-worker for 12 years this fall. I am so ecstatic about Mercy finally further developing its footprint in St. Charles County! I work at the Pratt Cancer Center and we have so many patients that live rurally that have limited access to care and I think sometimes don't get the care they need just because of the distance to the doctor's office or hospital. Having this hospital and all the outpatient services will make such a tremendous impact on the Wentzville and surrounding communities.

Additionally, this area is growing so fast with young families, the addition of new providers to the area will take strain off the already busy PCP and specialty offices already established in St. Charles County. I live in Lake St. Louis and am so happy to have more quality healthcare so close to my house.

I am proud to work for Mercy and hopefully have an opportunity be a part of what we are building.

Thank you,  
Kelcie Cain  
49 Wisdom Way  
Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

have been an employee of Mercy for 10 years, and my husband and I have been residents of St Charles County for over 16 years as we both have grown up in this area. We are raising our child here and love our community.

Soaring population growth in St Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties necessitates more health care services in the region. Mercy's plan to build a new 75 bed hospital and medical campus in Wentzville is great news for individuals and families in our area. As a mercy coworker living in St Charles County, I am acutely aware of the positive impact that having a hospital with Cardiology, gastroenterology, Surgery, Oncology, Orthopedics, Pulmonology, Radiology and Women's Health Services will have for all the patients in the area and the families who support them.

I think we can all agree on the Importance of having quality care close to home and the impact it can have on patient care. It is a disservice to the patients of this community to continue to force them to travel to the Mercy St Louis campus to receive specialty services and the next generation hospital and medical campus Mercy has plans to build in Wentzville will remedy this for patients in the area.

I am personally very excited and grateful to hear of Mercy's plans for the Wentzville project as I have aging parents with degenerative disease and look ahead to the care, I know they will need. It has already become difficult for my father to travel very far from his home, and he will delay testing or follow up appointments with his provider with his specialist because of fear of traveling all the way to the hospital campus at Ballas. Having this new facility closer to home in Wentzville could add to my father's life as he would be more inclined to maintain the necessary appointments with his provider.

I also think back to the challenges we had when trying to navigate the appointments and surgery to resolve an unexpected health scare with my mother in the last 2 years. We ended up scheduling her with providers at Mercy Washington so we could expedite her care, but this meant we were driving a little over an hour one way for every one of her appointments with her provider, all testing that was needed, and ultimately 2 surgeries that were needed. As you can imagine this added stress for my mother and our family as we tried to support her through the process. As a result of the longer drive time to the Washington facility I was the only one in my family who was able to help get my mother to her appointments and surgery. This exacerbated the time that my mother and I had to miss from work during this difficult time. You would be a champion for families like mine across the St Charles County region by doing everything you can to make this hospital campus a reality.

Sincerely,

Jessica Johnson

2513 Fastball Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366

Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
Missouri Certificate of Need Program  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for nearly seven years, and my husband and I have been residents of St. Charles County for over 25 years. As a child, my family and I moved around frequently due to my father's occupation. We moved to O'Fallon in 1997 and it has been my home ever since. It has been such a joy to watch St. Charles County – specifically the O'Fallon/Wentzville area expand and grow over the years.

When my family and friends who know I work for Mercy talk to me about their own health care journey, they tell me they appreciate Mercy's continued dedication to the region, but often ask when they will build a new hospital in the area so they won't have to travel so far to get the care they need. That time is now.

My family and I, along with my of our friends welcome Mercy to St. Charles County with open arms. The need for quality healthcare is a huge need in that area. Yes, there are hospitals available in the area, but I can speak from experience that they do not provide the quality care and exceptional service that Mercy is known for.

Unfortunately, my family and I have had numerous experiences with the current health systems in the area that were less than ideal and nearly detrimental for my husband's life. Back in March 2021, my husband experienced a spinal cord injury at work and was unable to walk. We took him to a local hospital where he was admitted. They determined he was in need of an emergency Spinal Fusion surgery in his neck if he was going to be able to walk again. The surgery went well, but it was the days following that would cause quite a bit of heartache. Nearly 48 hours after surgery, my husband kept saying he wasn't feeling well. It seemed as though the care team wasn't listening to him. He began to experience shortness of breath and became unresponsive. They had to intubate him and place him in a medically induced coma in the ICU.

The next few days showed no signs of improvement, it was a very cold, empty place to be. I never saw a physician until three days later, when they told me there was nothing else, they could do and they had made the decision to transfer him SLU hospital. My heart was shattered and I did the only thing I could do that in that moment, pray. I immediately knew that transferring him to SLU hospital wasn't an option, I insisted that he be transferred to Mercy.

Upon arrival to Mercy Hospital St. Louis, the care he received was improved tenfold. The nurses and physicians worked feverishly to figure out what was going on and how to treat it. I was kept up to date on procedures, tests, and his care plan around the clock. I knew he was in the right place. It was difficult traveling back and forth every day and would have been so convenient if Mercy had a hospital closer to home. To this day, I still reflect on this experience and wonder how many other people have been in that situation. What if I didn't advocate for my husband?

What if I didn't have the ability to commute back and forth each day? More importantly, how many families have lost someone due to lack of quality health care?

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. This plan is incredibly good news for families, individuals and business owners in our area.

The depth of services Mercy is planning to provide with this new hospital are nothing short of extraordinary. These services include cardiovascular, emergency services, gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, urology, women's services and much more.

I believe health care closer to home is better for everybody involved, and I hope you agree. Please support the families in my community by supporting Mercy's hospital plan. Your support would make an immeasurable difference in so many lives.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Alison Dorge, Program Coordinator  
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Dear Ms. Dorge:

I have been an employee of Mercy for 2 years, and my husband and I have been residents of St. Charles County for 4 years now. We are raising our 4 daughters here and love our community.

I am a float RN for Mercy so I travel to all of their hospitals in the St. Louis region, the closest one being about 25 minutes away from my home in Wentzville. However, in about 4 months, I will be transitioning into a new role, that of a primary care nurse practitioner. I am thrilled about Mercy's announcement of a new hospital campus in Wentzville and hope you will be supportive of the plan. I am hopeful to be able to work in my community and serve the residents of Lincoln, St. Charles, and Warren counties. This new complex would ensure that my community residents and those in the counties surrounding us would have access to Mercy's high-quality level of care closer to home, reducing the travel burden on patients and their families.

I am writing to express my support and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville. This plan will be good for families, individuals, and businesses in our area. I feel healthcare closer to home is better for everyone, and I hope you agree. Please support the families in my community by supporting Mercy's hospital plan.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Ms. Dorge:

5/9/2024

I have been an employee of Mercy for almost 4 years, and my husband and I have been residents of Wentzville for 13 years. We are raising our 3 children here, and love our community. Our children are 11, 12, and almost 14 years old.

When I tell friends and neighbors that I work at Mercy Hospital St. Louis, they normally respond with "that is far". I let them know that it is worth the drive to work at a wonderful hospital. When my son was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2016, we made the drive to Mercy St. Louis for all of his care. I passed other hospitals on my way to Mercy because that is the hospital I trust and the only place I will go. My son is now 12, healthy and active! In December of this year, he will reach his 5 years out of chemo date!

I am writing to express my support, and encourage your support, for Mercy's plan to build a new 75-bed, next-generation hospital and medical campus in Wentzville, Missouri. This plan is incredibly good news for families, individuals and business owners in our area. To have a trusted name like Mercy right down the street will be wonderful for this community. As a resident of Wentzville I am excited that I may be able to transfer to the new hospital to continue providing care as a bedside nurse, closer to home.

The depth of services Mercy is planning to provide with this new hospital are nothing short of extraordinary. These services include cardiovascular, emergency services, gastroenterology, general medicine, general surgery, neurosciences, nephrology, oncology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, urology, women's services and much more. A majority of my patients live 1-3 hours away from Mercy St. Louis. To have these services available, close to home, will be imperative to improve the health of our community and surrounding county's residents.

I believe health care closer to home is better for everybody involved, and I hope you agree. Please support the families in my community by supporting Mercy's hospital plan. Your support would make an immeasurable difference in so many lives.

Sincerely,

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