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President Toni Preckwinkle

Cook County Board

Dear President Toni Preckwinkle:

We are living in unprecedented times where everyone is experiencing financial setbacks. During this pandemic we cannot afford to deny our residents the necessary access to the vital health resources they rightfully deserve. The merging of Near South and Woodlawn Health Clinic into Provident Hospital will cause some inconveniences to the immediate surrounding residents. We understand that Provident will remain an anchor in the community by providing better services to its residents.

State and local governments are on the frontlines of this crisis, with increased spending on public health and Medicaid that lay heavy on their budgets. Temporary closure of businesses and high levels of unemployment have caused sales tax revenues to plummet not affording the county to collect necessary revenue and fees to withstand this financial burden.

It is my hope that you and the entire Cook County Board of Commissioners will pass a balanced budget to ensure that resources and/or services will continue to be made available to residents that are vital to the black and brown communities, and support your efforts to do so.

Grace & Peace,



Pastor J.D. Anderson,

Senior Pastor