

Hello ladies and gentlemen. My name is Blake Coleman and I am a rising Junior at the National Cathedral School for girls. I live in Northeast DC, close to the Fort Totten metro station and am very familiar with Providence Hospital and the work they have done. This summer, I have been engaging in qualitative and quantitative research to explore the closing of Providence Hospital and the impact it has had and will continue to have on our community. As many of you know, Providence Hospital has recently ended its acute care, and emergency services, along with many other vital services involved in ensuring a healthy, functioning community. As a young, African American, female, I want to make sure that my research reveals the direct, human impacts of this shut down. I do not belong to some big corporation with an agenda, nor am I employed by anyone working with Ascension. I am just a sixteen-year-old girl who cares deeply for her community and is concerned with what this closing will mean for her neighbors and friends. I write to you all today to ask for your help. In order, for me to create a cohesive picture of exactly what this closing means for individuals in the community, I need to get a sense of individual thoughts and concerns with this development. Throughout the month of July, I will be conducting private interviews with any member of the community who has had an experience with Providence Hospital or has relied on their services at some point. I will be asking questions to get a sense of your experience and how the closing has affected you and your ability to receive healthcare. I will be hosting these interviews at the Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood library and I will work with your schedule in terms of availability. If interested, please email me and we can further discuss times to meet. This is greatly appreciated.

If interested, I can be reached through my email: BColeman@cathedral.org

Thank you, Have a great summer!

Sincerely, Blake Coleman