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To whom it may concern,

I am greatly disappointed to hear that the OB department in Jerseyville, IL is closing. It makes me mad and so, so sad. I have delivered two babies at the Jerseyville Community Hospital and have nothing but wonderful things to say.

First, I felt so safe...locked doors, strict visiting hours, and an attentive front desk. I never once worried about my safety and privacy but most importantly, my baby's safety. I recently went to visit two friends who had babies at bigger hospitals. One of the hospitals, you get off the elevator and are in the OB department and go to whichever room you are visiting with no questions asked. The other hospital I visited had a locked door, but if you hit a button it opened. When I got past the door, I went to the nurse's station and asked if I just went in. They said, "Yes". I had to ask them to go in and make sure the new mother was available for visitors. Also, the second hospital didn't have any visiting hours, open all the time. As a new mother, you need some time alone. At Jerseyville, I didn't have to worry about any of these problems.

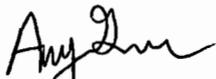
I have a disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy and honestly didn't know if I could have kids vaginally. The first time I met with Dr. Sharp, she assured me she believed I could. She is so intelligent and is the best doctor I've ever had. She cares about each of her patients and even gives out her cell phone number.

One of my baby's took 2 days to arrive so I felt like I had every nurse there at some point. Every nurse I had was magnificent. I breast fed both my babies and the nurses were so helpful and knowledgeable.

I know that most likely I am not going to be able to change your mind....but I can hope. I honestly don't know if I am going to have any more children but this decision of closing Jerseyville OB department down will weigh in on my decision. I don't want to deliver anywhere else.

People are always going to have babies, let's promote Jerseyville OB department instead of closing it down.

Sincerely,



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