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Rafael Leon, Chairman
Commission on Chicago Landmarks
Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development
33 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Leon:

We are writing to express our strong support for making Prentice Women's Hospital a City of Chicago landmark.

We believe that Prentice is among the boldest works of Bertrand Goldberg, and is an outstanding example of his unique use of structural concrete and progressive hospital design. The strikingly original clover-leafed tower design is a wonderful break from the linear grids that are used in so many of our modern building. Goldberg's belief that modern architecture was more than just rational 90-degree compositions is best seen in the four-lobed towers with their oval windows. It is a shining example of just how innovative Chicago architecture was in the early 1970's.

As the restoration architects of two of the City of Chicago's most important landmarked buildings, Crown Hall and 860-880 Lake Shore Drive, we have intimate experience with saving and renovating great pieces of architecture. We know first hand the importance of the public's interest in, and support of, the sustainability of our buildings and culture. We don't want to look back 40 years from now, as we unfortunately do with Sullivan's great Stock Exchange building, and wonder why we only have drawings and photos of Prentice.

For these reasons, we ask for your support in making Prentice Women's Hospital the newest and one of Chicago's greatest landmarked buildings.

Sincerely,
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