

Barcelona, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011

**Petition for the preservation and utilization of Bertrand Goldberg's Prentice Women's Hospital.**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
City of Chicago  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mayor Rahm Emanuel,

Docomomo is an international non-profit organization devoted to the documentation and conservation of the buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the modern movement. It was established in 1989 and currently boasts 60 national and/or regional chapters. DOCOMOMO International and DOCOMOMO US are committed to help preserve the legacy of the important modern architectural works in the twentieth century as it would grant us a rich endowment of cultural heritage in the twenty-first century.

Docomomo has learned with alarming concern that the Northwestern University wants to tear down the Bertrand Goldberg's Prentice Women's Hospital by Bertrand Goldberg. We would like to reiterate the great architectural and cultural heritage of this building and to deliver this petition for its preservation.

Recognizing that it has been more than 35 years since the initial inauguration, we are fully aware of the fact that the building would require various timely adjustments reflecting both the programmatic and social changes. Nevertheless; we, DOCOMOMO, firmly believe that those needed adjustments can be made without a categorical and irrevocable damage to the existing merit-worthy hospital. We would like to emphasize that the building represents an exceptional and significant architectural, cultural and historic masterpiece.

DOCOMOMO International would like to ask you to consider the preservation and utilization of the building. DOCOMOMO International would also tender you any assistance for the preservation and utilization as best as we can.

Yours Sincerely,



Ana Tostões  
Chair  
Docomomo International