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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Administrator Avery,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the merger of Northwest Community Healthcare and NorthShore University HealthSystem. As Representative for Illinois' 54th District, I enthusiastically believe that uniting Northwest Community Healthcare's flagship community hospital in Arlington Heights with the innovation and research of NorthShore University HealthSystem will be a boon for my constituents.

Northwest Community Hospital, its extensive physician network and many outpatient clinics have provided vital healthcare services to the residents of this region for more than 60 years. This proposal will augment those essential services by broadening access to NorthShore's renowned specialty care and research programs.

For the benefit of patients, employees and the community at large, it is of the utmost importance that Northwest Community Healthcare continue its essential role as a primary healthcare provider in our community for many years to come. This merger with NorthShore ensure that's the care. I urge the Board to approve this proposal and request that this letter be included in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Rep. Tom Morrison'.

Rep. Tom Morrison
Illinois State Representative, 54th District