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July 23, 2021

Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 63761

RE: NorthShore University HealthSystem – Cardiovascular Institute Expansion CON Application No. 21-016

Dear Ms. Avery:

The Evanston Community Foundation submits this letter in strong support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's ("NorthShore") Certificate of Need permit application to modernize and centralize its cardiovascular procedure space as part of its Cardiovascular Institute. The Evanston Community Foundation's leadership is in service to the community and aims to make a difference by responding to emerging needs, tackling longstanding problems, and adding value where we can. As the leading cause of death in the U.S. for over 90 years, cardiovascular disease is one such longstanding issue that requires significant action. To that aim, NorthShore has made notable contributions in addressing this crucial healthcare need.

The Evanston Community Foundation is encouraged by NorthShore's determination to expand community-based cardiovascular programs including increased cardiovascular screening, prevention programs, and chronic disease management. This undertaking will be of significant value to the community and surrounding areas in the long term as this health care concern remains ubiquitous. We urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project, as the Evanston Community Foundation wholeheartedly supports this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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