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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing you this letter to express my full support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's (NorthShore) Certificate of Need permit request to centralize cardiology services and build an exciting, comprehensive and state-of-the-art cardiovascular care complex on our Glenbrook Hospital campus in Glenview. This request is another example of NorthShore's ongoing commitment to provide high-quality care and advocate for the medical needs of our patients and communities.

We launched our CVI in 2015, and now offers more than 16 programs across cardiology, cardiovascular surgery and vascular surgery and medicine. A new, centralized institute will allow NorthShore to make significant investments in creating state-of-the-art facilities that will further enhance the quality of cardiovascular care delivered, optimize patient outcomes through the latest innovative and customized treatment options and breakthrough research, and broaden patient access as a whole for treatment of cardiovascular disease. The proposed complex will also enhance providers' experiences and will improve provider retention and recruitment.

I am excited about this important opportunity to create meaningful, transformative healthcare for all patients now and into the future. I greatly appreciate your deep consideration of this request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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