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

Dear Ms. Avery:

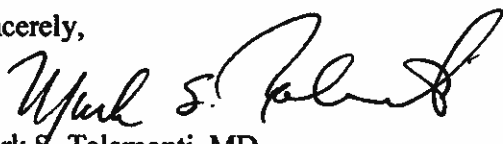
I am writing to express my full support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's (NorthShore) Certificate of Need application to modernize and centralize our cardiovascular program as part of a new and comprehensive Cardiovascular Institute (CVI) on our Glenbrook Hospital campus in Glenview.

As the leading cause of death in the U.S., cardiovascular disease is a longstanding issue that requires significant action. NorthShore is uniquely positioned to take both a leadership role in cardiovascular care within the communities we serve.

We launched our Cardiovascular Institute (CVI) program in 2015, and since that time we have experienced significant procedural growth across all spectrums of cardiovascular care. Annually, CVI performs over 4,300 interventional cardiology procedures and over 2,000 electrophysiology procedures. Additionally, our vascular team has experienced significant growth including a 65% increase in procedural volume over the past three years. These are just a few of the figures that reflect a position of strength in CVI services with tremendous shared growth and a strong desire to expand our growing geographic distribution.

Our vision is to be the first choice for patients, families and providers in the communities we serve for the delivery of high quality, personalized cardiovascular care. In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to share my support for this exciting project and respectfully ask for your consideration of this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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