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July 28, 2021

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Support Letter for CON Permit Application
NorthShore University HealthSystem (Project #21-16)

Dear Ms. Avery:

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago aims to support those in need in the City of Chicago and its suburbs. Our mission of charity extends to anyone needing compassionate, competent, and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. To that aim, I am writing this letter in support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's Certificate of Need application to expand and centralize its cardiovascular services. NorthShore delivers healthcare focused on quality, efficiency and access and this project's realization will add significant value to improve health and wellness to our shared communities.

NorthShore's medical group is one of the largest cardiology practices serving Northern Cook and Southern Lake County with over 60 heart and vascular care providers in convenient offices across the area. It offers the latest in cardiology services, including cardiac diagnostic testing, leading-edge treatments for arrhythmia, and non-surgical approaches to vascular disease. NorthShore is committed to providing superior heart and vascular patient care, promoting overall heart health, pioneering innovative clinical cardiovascular research, and training the best heart specialists in the world.

The planned project will allow NorthShore University HealthSystem to make significant investments to create state-of-the-art facilities which will further enhance the quality of cardiovascular care delivered and grant patients improved access to the latest clinical techniques for the treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and communities served by NorthShore. It has a disproportionate impact on underserved communities of color and those vulnerable to the social determinants of health, a population of those in need which Catholic Charities is also here to serve. Centralizing cardiovascular services at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital will positively impact the accessibility of healthcare for patients in the NorthShore area and is critical to addressing the cardiovascular needs of the community.

Catholic Charities enthusiastically supports this endeavor and urges the Planning Board to approve the pending project at the September 2021 hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steph L Johnson".

Stephanie Johnson
Vice President, Government and Community Affairs