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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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

RE: NorthShore University HealthSystem – Cardiovascular Institute (Project No. 21-016)

Dear Ms. Avery,

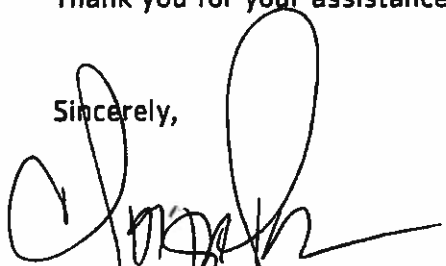
I am writing in support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's ("NorthShore") Certificate of Need application pending application for its Cardiovascular Institute. The YMCA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. As a leader in the delivery of health care in our community, NorthShore is one of our community partners that plays a complementary role in addressing those human needs.

The planned project will allow NorthShore to make significant investments to create state-of-the-art facilities and is also aimed at centralizing cardiovascular services at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital, which is a geographically convenient location for patients residing across the NorthShore geography. This centralization will allow other NorthShore hospitals to continue providing high-quality care and focus on the needs on the communities they serve. This expansion will result in the construction of an attached building to NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital that will include operating rooms, procedure rooms, and related recovery space to meet the increasing demand for cardiovascular care, much of which can now be safely performed in a more minimally invasive manner than in years before.

As the leading cause of death in the US, there is a great need to expand access to the state-of-the-art cardiovascular care Northshore intends to deliver. We are enthusiastic about NorthShore's commitment to innovating new techniques and customizing treatment on a case-by-case basis to consistently optimize patient outcomes. The YMCA fully supports the expansion and centralization of cardiovascular services of NorthShore and asks that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this project.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to much needed care in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monique Parsons', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Monique Parsons
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