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July 19, 2021

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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: NorthShore University HealthSystem – Cardiovascular Institution Expansion
CON Application No. 21-016

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter in support of NorthShore University HealthSystem's ("NorthShore") Certificate of Need application to centralize its cardiovascular services with the construction of a new cardiology facility at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital. This is the right investment for my constituents. According to the CDC, cardiovascular disease is among the leading causes of death in the U.S. with one person dying every 36 seconds from this disease in the U.S. alone. That's 655,000 Americans deaths each year - 1 in every 4 deaths. It has a disproportionate impact on communities of color and those vulnerable to the social determinants of health. Expanding the CVI program at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital is critical to addressing the cardiovascular needs of the communities served by NorthShore.

As an elected official, my legislative priorities include affordable, accessible health care to promote the well-being and vitality of the communities I serve. NorthShore's development of a deep bench of cardiologists with varying sub-specialties has already significantly enhanced access to the care and these expansion efforts for cardiovascular services will make core cardiology services easily accessible as a geographically convenient location for patients requiring NorthShore cardiovascular care.

The planned project will allow NorthShore to make significant investments to create state-of-the-art facilities which will further enhance the quality of cardiovascular care delivered and patient access to the latest clinical techniques for treatment of cardiovascular disease. The expanded program will offer minimally invasive therapies, which are fundamental for a quick return to independent living and wellness, require significant investment in technology and are evolving rapidly. NorthShore is committed to developing innovative techniques, customizing treatment options and producing breakthrough research to optimize patient outcomes.

I am proud to support this project and ask that you give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Gabel".

Robyn Gabel, State Representative
Illinois' 18th Legislative District