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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, Illinois 63761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, please accept this letter as support of the request for a Certificate of Need submitted by NorthShore University HealthSystem ("NorthShore") to centralize its diagnostic and interventional cardiovascular services by constructing a state-of-the-art cardiovascular building at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital. I have been a public servant for my entire career and expansive experience supporting the delivery of care by one of the other most important health systems in the State, the Cook County's Health and Hospitals System. Throughout my career, I have maintained an interest in the health and well-being of the community I serve.

NorthShore achieves its core mission of preserving and improving human life through the provision of superior clinical care, academic excellence, and innovative research. In accordance with its mission, 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 enable patients to have access to the latest clinical techniques for the treatment of cardiovascular disease.

NorthShore is known for being the first organization in Illinois to receive the prestigious honor of Magnet recognition as an entire system by demonstrating excellence in nursing and upholding high standards in patient care. The new building attached to NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital will promote interdisciplinary care and improve patient experience by allowing clinicians to practice alongside one another and streamline efficiencies. NorthShore is committed to innovative techniques, customized treatment options and breakthrough research to optimize patient outcomes.

I believe that approval of its application will benefit those needing quality care, and, therefore, I heartily support NorthShore's request. As you evaluate the application, I respectfully request that you take into account the invaluable contributions NorthShore has made in this area and surrounding communities.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Larry Suffredin

Cook County Commissioner, 13th District