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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital Cardiovascular Institute
CON Application No. 21-016

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter in support for approval of the CON permit application filed by NorthShore University HealthSystem relating to its Cardiovascular Institute. NorthShore is investing in groundbreaking services to deliver outstanding, comprehensive heart and vascular care with the goal of achieving superior results for all of its patients and to improve their overall quality of life. By placing an emphasis on listening to its patients' needs, the NorthShore Cardiovascular Institute will be a destination for those requiring highly specialized cardiovascular care. Superior Ambulance Service's mission is to make a positive difference in people's lives through professional, competent, and compassionate patient care and NorthShore continues to uphold these same values.

Modernizing NorthShore's cardiovascular program is critical to addressing the cardiovascular needs of the community. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) currently accounts for nearly half of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). NCDs have overtaken communicable diseases as the world's major disease burden, with CVD remaining the leading global cause of death, accounting for 17.3 million deaths per year, a number that is expected to grow to >23.6 million by 2030. This project focuses NorthShore infrastructure investments on fighting CVD. As a provider of essential medical transportation and partner to NorthShore University HealthSystem, we understand the need to centralize services and have policies and procedures in place to promote safe and efficient transportation between hospitals. Based on our past experiences with NorthShore University HealthSystem, we believe the centralization of services at NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital will streamline services and improve patient outcomes.

We are thrilled by NorthShore's commitment to improving the livelihood of patients in our community. Superior Ambulance Service thus supports NorthShore's expansion efforts and looks forward to impacting lives together and we ask that HFSRB Board members vote to approve it.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Franck".

Superior Ambulance Service