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John Knierly
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Subject: Letter of Support for Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH) Cancer Center

I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve NCH's plan to establish a comprehensive cancer center in Schaumburg, IL, approximately five miles from the NCH main campus in our Village.

As the Mayor of Arlington Heights, addressing my residents' concerns is of the utmost importance to me. As the second leading cause of mortality nationally representing one of the most life-altering and costly health problems in the United States, cancer is a top health concern for our community. Currently over 134,000 patients within NCH's primary service area utilize NCH outpatient oncology services and another 400,000 people from NCH's secondary service area seek outpatient cancer care at NCH.

The need for oncology services is growing significantly. In that regard, over 1.9 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States in 2022 with 75,000 of those cases projected in Illinois. Cancer care is fragmented in our region and establishing a stand-alone cancer center would improve the health care delivery system and overall well-being of our and surrounding communities. In particular, this project would improve quality, access, patient safety, operational efficiency and physician recruitment and retention through the replacement of outdated equipment and facilities with a larger state-of-the-art, dedicated cancer center.

The residents of Arlington Heights and I value the good work that NCH has been doing in cancer care for many years, and urge you to approve this project for the benefit of so many in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas W. Hayes'.

Thomas W. Hayes
Mayor