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June 14, 2022

John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Northwest Community Healthcare Cancer Center

I write to you in support of Northwest Community Healthcare's (NCH) application for a proposed Cancer Center in a newly constructed five-story building in Schaumburg, 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 the community. It 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access, patient safety, operational efficiency, and physician recruitment and retention through the replacement of outdated equipment and facilities with a larger state-of-the-art, dedicated cancer center.

Cancer is a top health concern for our community. Cancer is the second leading cause of mortality nationally and represents one of the most life-altering and costly health problems in the United States. 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.

NCH makes our community a better place to live, and my constituents rely on it, particularly those who are vulnerable due to illness or those who have difficulty accessing prevention and screening services. My constituents and I value the good work that NCH is doing in cancer care and urge you to approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Gillespie".

Ann Gillespie
State Senator (IL-27)