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

On behalf of Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH), our extraordinary cancer care team and the thousands of patients for whom we are privileged to provide compassionate and quality care, I am writing to offer my strong support of NCH'S Certificate of Need request to build a comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care center in Schaumburg, Illinois. This request is another example of NCH's advocacy for the medical needs of our patients and their families.

Cancer care remains a growing need in our community. Cancer is the second leading cause of death nationally, with over 1.9 million new cases expected to be diagnosed in 2022. Moreover, Illinois residents account for almost 4% (or 75,000) of those projected cases. My colleagues and I believe that these sobering figures serve as a catalyst to expand NCH's cancer care program and is vital to addressing the cancer needs of our communities.

The NCH Cancer Center will be a center of excellence that invests in advanced technologies, breakthrough research, and personalized medicine, the latter of which provides transformative ways to tailor precise treatments and therapies to each individual patient. Additionally, the new building will promote greater collaboration between clinicians and help with provider retention and recruitment, which ultimately improves the healthcare delivery system and overall wellbeing of the community—all in one place.

Our vision is to be the first choice for patients, families and providers in the communities we serve for the delivery of high-quality, cancer care. In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to share my enthusiastic support for this exciting project and respectfully ask for your consideration of this request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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