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

I am writing to express my full support of Northwest Community Healthcare's (NCH) Certificate of Need application to build a new multi-story NCH Cancer Center in Schaumburg.

My colleagues and I strongly believe that this strategic decision has one critically important vision—to provide top quality care that will transform the way our patients and communities receive accessible cancer care. Equally important is our goal—to establish a state-of-the-art, research-driven complex that will attract the best and brightest talent in clinical oncology while simultaneously offering compassionate and personalized care.

Cancer remains a top health concern. This year alone, nearly two million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the United States, of which 75,000 Illinois residents will account for those projected diagnoses. Currently, more than 134,000 patients in NCH's primary service area seek outpatient cancer services at our main pavilion and care sites.

As we invest in new and evolving technologies, discover the latest innovative and customized treatment options and promote greater collaboration between clinicians and specialized staff, we believe that establishing a new facility is the best option to ultimately deliver world-class cancer care and address the entire continuum of patient care—from consult to recovery.

I am excited about this critical opportunity to create meaningful, transformative healthcare for all patients now and into the future; and greatly appreciate your deep consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen Nigh", is located below the "Sincerely," text. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Stephen Nigh  
Medical Director of Cancer Services  
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