



June 18, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to strongly support the establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, which will play a vital role in expanding access to emergency and inpatient care for the people of Roscoe, Illinois, and its neighboring areas.

As a physician with 30+ years of dedicated experience in emergency medicine practicing my whole career in South-Central Wisconsin, I have a deep understanding of the local urgent need for accessible and timely emergency care.

I frequently encounter patients who face significant challenges in accessing emergency services, often having to travel long distances to Rockford, Illinois, or to Beloit or Janesville, where they experience prolonged wait times. Despite recent efforts to expand the emergency room at Beloit Memorial Hospital, these measures have not sufficiently met the healthcare needs of our local community in Northern Illinois.

Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital represents a transformative opportunity to bridge these gaps by delivering immediate medical attention for critical conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, major traumas, and respiratory crises. By providing timely and appropriate care, the new hospital will undoubtedly save lives and improve patient outcomes.

This new hospital promises to deliver top-notch emergency care through state-of-the-art facilities and a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, greatly enhancing the quality of care available to our community.

I am fully supportive of this initiative and look forward to the enhanced emergency care and in-patient resources the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will bring to our area.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

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