

# HARLEM-ROSCOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1

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Debra Savage  
Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chair Savage:

On behalf of the fire protection district, I am writing to express my support of the development of a neighborhood hospital with an emergency department on the North Pointe campus located in Roscoe Illinois. This campus is in our fire protection district.

Timely access to healthcare, especially emergency medical services is vital to a community and its quality of life. Beloit Health System has continually demonstrated its commitment to providing high-quality health care services to all regional residents. This has become more evident with the completion of the North Pointe Birth Center.

Our fire protection district and the region has seen substantial population growth, which has increased the demand for emergency services. As a direct result of this growth, increased call volume and roadway traffic congestion has increased first responder times. Having an emergency department in Roscoe will enhance access to vital community-based emergency services by reducing travel times and keeping our advanced life support (ALS) units in the district to benefit the residents.

North Pointe and Beloit Health System already provide valuable health and wellness resources to the community and region. Adding a neighborhood hospital with an emergency department will make our area a safer and healthier place to live.

I ask you to support this addition to the emergency care resources.

Sincerely,



Chief John Bergeron

*The Protection of Life and Property is our Business*