



June 20, 2024

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

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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, which promises to enhance access to emergency and inpatient care for residents of Roscoe, Illinois, and the surrounding communities.

As an emergency room physician with many years of experience, I have seen firsthand the crucial need for accessible and timely emergency medical services. Our community members often endure significant challenges in accessing care, frequently traveling long distances to Rockford, Illinois, or further to Beloit or Janesville, only to face extended wait times. Despite the expansion of the emergency room at Beloit Memorial Hospital, these measures have not been sufficient to meet the pressing healthcare demands of our Illinois residents.

The proposal by Beloit Health System to create a neighborhood hospital represents a critical step forward in addressing these gaps. This facility will provide immediate medical attention for acute and life-threatening conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, severe injuries, and respiratory distress. By delivering timely interventions, the new hospital will undoubtedly save lives and improve patient outcomes.

This new hospital promises to integrate advanced medical technology with a dedicated team of healthcare professionals, significantly improving access to high-quality emergency care in our region. I am confident that this initiative will greatly benefit our community by ensuring that residents receive the emergency care they need close to home.

I fully endorse this initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our community's health and well-being.

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