June 17, 2024

Debra Savage, Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Beloit Health Systems Proposed Neighborhood Hospital Development for Roscoe

Dear Chair Savage,

Stateline Mass Transit District ("SMTD") is pleased to provide a letter expressing its support for the approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board of the proposed Neighborhood Hospital project to make the NorthPointe Clinic located at the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus, 5605 E. Rockton Rd, Roscoe, Illinois ("NorthPointe") a neighborhood hospital with a 24-Hour Emergency Department. NorthPointe is a healthcare system that focuses on wellness and patient-centered care. By prioritizing preventive care, holistic well-being, and empowering patients to be active participants in their health journey, NorthPointe demonstrates a deep commitment to improving the overall health of the community.

SMTD is aware of many transit-dependent individuals who use the services of NorthPointe and who do not have access to alternate transportation outside the area. When people are transported to Beloit or out of the system for continuing care requiring an overnight or one or two days convalescence after surgery, a hardship can be created for both the patient and the family members. Keeping the Illinois residents who utilize the Beloit Health Systems at NorthPointe and also utilize the Stateline Mass Transit District, will enable patients to remain close to their home and make it easier for their loved ones to visit them while in hospital. SMTD strongly supports the transition of NorthPointe to a hospital facility to meet the needs of the local community.

NorthPointe is a strong community supporter; their presence continues to be good for both local businesses and our riders. Having NorthPointe as a neighborhood hospital would not only greatly benefit the local community but would also create new jobs for the area. Bravo to NorthPointe in seeking real solutions to real world problems!

SMTD urges the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe proposal.

Very truly yours,

Sharon Hecox Executive Director

Stateline Mass Transit District