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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 express my strong support for the establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital to bolster access to emergency and inpatient services for residents of Roscoe, Illinois and surrounding communities.

As an emergency medicine physician with 12 years of experience, I understand the critical importance of timely and effective emergency medical interventions in saving lives and preserving health. I have also witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by area residents seeking emergency care. These patients often have to travel to Rockford, Illinois or Beloit or Janesville and wait times they have experienced are sub-optimal. While Beloit Memorial Hospital has expanded its emergency room capacity in recent years, that has not been an adequate solution for our Illinois patients.

Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital presents a transformative opportunity to address these challenges by providing immediate medical attention for individuals with acute and life-threatening conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, severe injuries, and respiratory distress. By providing these interventions in a timely manner to patients in critical situations, the proposed hospital will save lives and preserve function.

This new hospital holds the promise of enhancing access to high-quality emergency care and improving patient outcomes, as it will combine state-of-the-art facilities with a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.

I fully support this initiative and look forward to delivering exceptional emergency care to our patients.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Andrew Dean, MD

Emergency Medicine Board Certified Physician