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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 lend my full support to the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. As a practicing primary care physician, I have seen firsthand the importance of having accessible, high-quality healthcare services available within our community.

Many of my patients have benefited significantly from the comprehensive services provided at NorthPointe, which include a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care facilities, various healthcare diagnostic and treatment services, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices and clinics, and an assisted living center. Given the rising prevalence of chronic diseases and the associated complications in our community, there is a clear need for additional resources to meet the increasing demand for emergency and inpatient care.

The proposal from Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a well-considered plan to address these healthcare needs in our area. After reviewing the details, I am impressed by the emphasis on evidence-based practices and patient-centered care. I strongly support the expansion of inpatient and emergency services in our community and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Cho Escalante Family Medicine Physician