

June 24, 2024

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,

As a pediatrician with dedicated service to our local community, I am writing to express my strong endorsement for the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under consideration for a Certificate of Need (CON). In my practice, I specialize in the health and well-being of children, managing conditions such as childhood diabetes, asthma, infectious diseases, and developmental disorders. I am committed to working closely with families to devise tailored treatment plans, monitor their children's health progress, adjust therapies as needed, and provide continuous support to ensure optimal health outcomes.

Unfortunately, there are times when children under my care require urgent medical attention due to acute illnesses or injuries, such as respiratory distress or severe infections. In these critical situations, prompt medical intervention is crucial for ensuring the best possible outcomes and minimizing complications.

I firmly believe that establishing an emergency department and hospital on the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our ability to deliver timely and specialized care to pediatric patients. The proposal reflects a thorough understanding of our community's healthcare needs and demonstrates a commitment to addressing these needs efficiently. By utilizing existing shelled space within an established facility, the smaller format hospital will provide essential medical resources without the extensive costs associated with larger facilities.

Beloit Health System's proposal aligns perfectly with the healthcare needs of our community, particularly in enhancing access to emergency services and care. I wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve it.

Sincerely,



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