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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,

As an allergist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic conditions and immune disorders, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of accessible healthcare services on our community's well-being.

Allergic diseases, ranging from seasonal allergies and food allergies to severe immune reactions, require comprehensive and timely medical intervention to manage symptoms effectively and prevent serious complications. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus would greatly improve our community's ability to provide prompt treatments for severe allergic reactions like anaphylaxis.

Furthermore, the availability of services within our local healthcare system will alleviate the burden on patients who currently travel long distances for specialized care. This initiative not only enhances convenience but also ensures that patients receive timely diagnosis and personalized treatment plans tailored to their specific allergic conditions.

I believe that supporting this neighborhood hospital initiative is essential for enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality in our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

With regards,

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