

June 19, 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,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic endorsement of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project, which is poised to significantly improve emergency and inpatient care accessibility for residents in Roscoe, Illinois, and the surrounding areas.

As an emergency physician with many years of experience, I have a deep appreciation for the vital role that timely emergency interventions play in saving lives. I have observed the difficulties faced by our community members, who often have to travel to Rockford, Illinois, or further to Beloit or Janesville, experiencing unacceptable delays in receiving critical care. Although Beloit Memorial Hospital has expanded its emergency department, it has not been sufficient to meet the needs of our Illinois residents.

The proposal by Beloit Health System to establish a neighborhood hospital is an invaluable opportunity to provide immediate care for life-threatening conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, major injuries, and respiratory crises. By offering prompt and effective treatment, the new hospital will undoubtedly save lives and improve patient health outcomes.

This new facility promises to enhance access to state-of-the-art emergency services, supported by a team of highly skilled medical professionals. I am confident that this initiative will greatly benefit our community and I am eager to support its development. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Best regards,

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President and CEO SWEA/DEMI Healthcare Partners