

June 21, 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 an ophthalmologist practicing in the region, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. In my profession, I see firsthand the critical importance of accessible, high-quality healthcare within our community. Many of my patients, particularly those dealing with chronic eye conditions, have greatly benefited from the comprehensive services provided at NorthPointe, including their medically integrated fitness center, immediate care center, various diagnostic and treatment services, ambulatory surgery center, birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center.

In my experience, the availability of such an extensive range of services under one roof is invaluable, especially for patients with chronic conditions that require ongoing and coordinated care. With the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases and associated complications within our community, there is a pressing need for expanded resources and services to address the growing demand for emergency and inpatient care. The proposal by Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a well-thought-out plan that addresses these healthcare needs in our area effectively.

Having thoroughly reviewed the proposal, I am impressed by the emphasis on evidence-based practices and a patient-centered approach to care, which are crucial for providing high-quality healthcare services. The expansion of inpatient and emergency services will undoubtedly benefit our community and help to alleviate the growing strain on our healthcare system. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal to meet the healthcare needs of our community.

Sincerely,



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Ophthalmologist