

June 26, 2024

Chair Debra Savage  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project #24-018, Support for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

Ms. Savage,

My name is Dr. A.P. Rosche and I'm writing to support Beloit Health System's request to build out shelled space within its facility for inpatient care to be supported by a dedicated emergency department and inpatient surgery. This neighborhood hospital will address the current lack of immediate emergency department services on the Illinois side of the State Line Community.

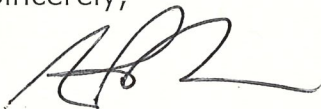
As an interventional pain specialist, my patients already benefit from the wide range of healthcare services on the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus, including an immediate care center, various healthcare related ancillary diagnostic services, an ambulatory surgery center, a newly opened birthing center, physician clinics, a fitness facility and an assisted living facility.

Adding emergency department and inpatient services to the plethora of offerings currently available is a natural next step for the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus. With a program that can admit patients and perform inpatient surgeries, the NorthPointe campus will be better able to serve the local communities and will also be better positioned to facilitate ambulance or helicopter transports when a higher level of care is required.

I fully support this initiative and urge the Planning Board to approve Project #24-018.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,



Alfred P Rosche III, MD  
Interventional Pain Physician