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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,

I am writing to express my full support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. In my practice, I see patients with complex neurological conditions such as epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, and stroke, who require a high level of specialized care and rapid access to diagnostic and treatment services.

NorthPointe currently provides an array of services, including a fitness center, immediate care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. This integrated care model is crucial for my patients, who often need multidisciplinary support and continuity of care across different specialties.

Given the increasing incidence of neurological disorders in our community, there is a clear need for expanded emergency and inpatient services to handle the growing demand for acute and chronic care. The proposal from Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital represents a well-considered and necessary expansion that addresses these healthcare challenges.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am impressed by its commitment to evidence-based practices and patient-centered care, which are essential for providing high-quality neurological care. The expansion of inpatient and emergency services will greatly benefit my patients by providing them with timely and effective treatment options. I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal to enhance healthcare access and quality in our community.

Regards.

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