From: Kniery, John P.
To: Ryan, Sharie

Cc: Constantino, Mike; Dominguez, Blanca R.; Roate, George

Subject: FW: [External] Opposition Letter for CON #24-018 NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe

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Sharie, please ensure this gets posted and the hard and soft files are made. TY.

Kind Regards,

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From: Chris Manson <user@votervoice.net> Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:57 AM To: Kniery, John P. <John.Kniery@Illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Opposition Letter for CON #24-018 NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe

Dear Chairwoman Savage,

As a resident of the greater Rockford area, I am deeply concerned about the proposed development of a neighborhood hospital in Roscoe, Illinois (Project No. 24-018). This project, if approved, could significantly disrupt our community's health care system, jeopardize patient safety, and destabilize the overall health care market in northern Illinois.

Three hospitals, including two Level 1 Trauma Centers and one Level 2 Trauma Center, serve our area. Several emergency departments and numerous urgent care centers collectively provide ample care for our population. We also have an excess of medical-surgical beds, making the need for a new facility unnecessary.

If this project proceeds, it could lead to an unnecessary outflow of patients seeking care out of state, resulting in increased costs for everyone—patients, insurance companies, and government health care programs. The addition of a new hospital would place an undue financial burden on our existing health care systems without delivering significant improvements in care quality or access.

I urge you to deny the establishment of a new hospital and instead focus on helping to strengthen and support our current health care facilities. There are enough beds and emergency services in our area to provide accessible high-quality care without risking patient safety and, increasing health care costs in the northern Illinois health care market.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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