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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
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RE: Opposition to Beloit Health System, Inc. Proposed Micro-Hospital

Dear Chairwoman Savage and members of the HFSRB,

I am writing to express my opposition to Beloit Health System, Inc.'s proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital in Winnebago County, Illinois.

Beloit Health System's proposal seeks to create a micro-hospital that would be reliant on, and subordinate to, an out-of-state hospital. The proposed hospital will disrupt the payer mix for the hospitals that already exist in Illinois and route those funds to our neighboring state. This will reduce the resources available to serve our communities, especially the uninsured and underinsured.

Further, staffing continues to be a concern for health care facilities around the region, including in my own district. It has already been widely reported that Illinois is facing a shortfall of almost 15,000 nurses by 2025, and over 6,000 physicians by the start of the new decade. The introduction of a new hospital in the Rockford region where there are already so many healthcare options will further stretch the professional workforce, putting an additional strain on our current facilities.

Rather than approving a new hospital that will benefit a Wisconsin health system, I urge the Review Board to oppose the new hospital and instead support the existing healthcare infrastructure in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Turner".

State Senator  
Doris Turner