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Alderman - 10<sup>th</sup> Ward

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Debra Savage, Chairwoman  
Rex Budde, Kenneth Burnett, David Fox, Antoinette Hardy-Waller  
Monica Hendrickson, David Katz, Gary Kaatz, Monica LeGrand, Dr. Audrey  
Tanksley  
John P. Kniery, Administrator

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to Beloit Health System, Inc's proposed Northpointe Hospital in Winnebago County, Illinois

It has been my pleasure to continue serving as a Rockford Alderman for the past 43 years. I have had the occasion to serve on many boards that are and have been impacted by healthcare.

No matter how well intended, I believe your proposal will result in significant negative impact for our community's healthcare system. Research indicates that our area already has seven hospitals including two(2) Level 1 Trauma Centers and one Level 2 Trauma Center.

This project risks the moving of an overwhelmingly white, young and affluent demographic to a neighboring state.

I'm trying to understand how your proposed project will help the poor, minority, or older population. A new hospital will only provoke the already-challenged professional workforce in our region.

By investing in the expansion and improvement of our current healthcare facilities, we can ensure that patients receive high-quality care without risking patient safety, increasing healthcare costs, or destabilizing the Illinois healthcare market.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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