

August 5, 2024

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,

As a long-time resident and business owner in South Beloit for the past 30 years, I am writing to express my full support for the development of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving our city in various capacities, including as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. My family and I have deep roots in this community, having raised our children here.

Raising a family here, I've often wondered why we lack an emergency room in our area. In critical situations, the absence of nearby emergency medical facilities is a significant concern. The NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will address this vital gap, providing immediate and essential healthcare services locally.

Recently, I had a medical emergency that made me acutely aware of how desperately our community needs a local ER and hospital. When I called 911, I was in a state of panic, knowing the nearest emergency room was in Beloit, Wisconsin. The ambulance ride felt endless, and I could see the stress on the first responders' faces as they rushed to get me to the ER quickly enough. Their concern was palpable—they knew that every second counted, and the distance added pressure to an already critical situation.

By the time we arrived at the ER, I was fortunate enough to receive the necessary care in time, staying overnight for a workup and stabilization. However, the experience left me shaken, realizing how lucky I was to get there without further complications. The delay could have had severe consequences, and it highlighted a glaring gap in our local healthcare infrastructure.

The NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will provide the essential healthcare services our community needs, ensuring that residents, including my family, have timely access to emergency care. It will also support local businesses and contribute to the economic growth of our area.

I strongly encourage you to support the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital proposal and I urge you to make this much-needed facility a reality.

Please and thank you,



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