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

RE: Opposition to Beloit Health System, Inc. Proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

Dear Mr. Kniery,

In October 2024, I submitted a letter expressing my opposition to Beloit Health System, Inc.'s proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital. As a former Chair of the Illinois House Mental Health Committee, I understand the importance of ensuring that our state's safety net service providers are protected, and I took the opportunity to express my concern about the impact of the proposed hospital on the existing healthcare system in Northern Illinois.

During the IHFSRB discussion of this project, BHS did not make any statements that allayed my concern. Instead, the testimony only raises my fear that the project would destabilize the payer mix of the existing healthcare providers in the area as well as creating unnecessary risk of patient harm. If BHS wishes to truly serve the needs of the community with an inpatient hospital setting, I urge them to consider opening an inpatient mental health facility as this care is truly needed not only in the proposed area, but throughout our state.

I urge the Review Board to continue to oppose the proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital which will serve only to redirect, for their own gain, the resources needed by our own hospitals to support our local communities.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Conroy Chair

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