

July 1, 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,

I am writing to request approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital. As a general surgeon at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I have gained valuable insights into the healthcare needs of our community and the challenges we face in providing timely and comprehensive care.

The nature of surgical conditions I encounter, such as appendicitis, gallbladder disease, and abdominal trauma, often requires immediate evaluation and intervention to prevent complications and ensure favorable outcomes. Emergency room teams are pivotal in this process, initiating crucial assessments, stabilization efforts, and diagnostic procedures that facilitate timely surgical interventions when necessary. Their prompt actions contribute significantly to reducing patient suffering and improving overall treatment outcomes.

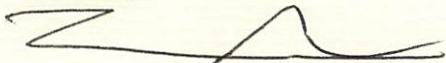
Furthermore, emergency rooms serve as vital entry points for patients in need of urgent surgical care but lacking immediate access to primary care or specialty services. Effective collaboration with Emergency Medicine colleagues allows for seamless transitions of care, ensuring that patients receive continuous support throughout their healthcare journey.

Given the critical role of emergency services in facilitating timely and effective surgical care, I firmly believe that the establishment of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will enhance our ability to meet the growing demands for surgical services in the Stateline communities. This project represents a significant step forward in improving healthcare access and outcomes for our residents.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application, Project 24-018, recognizing its potential to optimize patient care and strengthen our healthcare delivery system.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,



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