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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 express my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As a Nurse Practitioner specializing in orthopedics. I have been part of the medical team at Beloit Memorial Hospital for many years. Throughout my tenure, I have witnessed firsthand the increasing demand for emergency and inpatient services in our community.

Orthopedic injuries, ranging from fractures and dislocations to severe sprains and trauma. require prompt evaluation and treatment to minimize complications and ensure optimal recovery. The emergency room plays a vital role in the initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic imaging necessary for effective orthopedic intervention. For patients without immediate access to primary care or orthopedic specialists, the ER serves as a critical gateway, providing timely evaluation, pain relief, and preliminary treatment, which can significantly enhance patient outcomes.

Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital proposal is essential for meeting the growing healthcare needs of our community. By expanding emergency and inpatient services at NorthPointe, Beloit Health System will enhance access to high-quality care and improve patient outcomes. This initiative not only aligns with the healthcare priorities of our region but also demonstrates a commitment to providing comprehensive and efficient healthcare services close to home.

I firmly believe that the approval of this proposal will optimize patient care, enhance healthcare delivery, and strengthen our community's healthcare infrastructure. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Beloit Health System's application for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit (Project 24-018).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

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