

June 25, 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'm writing to voice my support for the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under review. As a nurse practitioner in family medicine, I've witnessed the challenges our community faces in accessing timely healthcare services, especially during urgent situations.

In my practice, I focus on providing comprehensive care to patients across all ages, from managing chronic conditions to promoting wellness through preventive measures. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, would greatly enhance our ability to deliver prompt medical care right here in our community.

Furthermore, this new hospital initiative has the potential to attract much-needed healthcare providers to our area. By expanding our medical facilities and services, we can offer a more appealing environment for talented professionals looking to make a difference. This influx of new talent will strengthen our healthcare workforce, ensuring that we can meet the growing healthcare needs of our community effectively.

The convenience of having a local hospital means patients can receive necessary treatments quickly without having to travel long distances. This is crucial for improving health outcomes and ensuring peace of mind for families knowing that quality healthcare is close at hand.

I believe that supporting Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital initiative is vital for meeting the healthcare needs of our community. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal so we can provide better healthcare access for everyone in our area.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Warm regards.

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project currently under consideration. As both a Director of Occupational Health and a practicing Physician Assistant, I have witnessed firsthand the healthcare needs of our community and the challenges faced by residents in accessing timely medical services.

The proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital represents a crucial step forward in meeting these needs. By expanding access to emergency and inpatient services, this facility will ensure that our community members receive prompt and effective care when they need it most. This is particularly vital for occupational health cases where quick evaluation and treatment can prevent complications and support rapid return-to-work protocols.

The addition of this hospital will complement our existing healthcare infrastructure, enhancing our ability to provide comprehensive care to our community. It will serve as a beacon of health and wellness, offering state-of-the-art facilities and a multidisciplinary team dedicated to improving patient outcomes.

I urge the Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project as it aligns perfectly with our mission to deliver high-quality healthcare services to our community. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as an internal medicine physician who is committed to the health and well-being of our community. NorthPointe already offers an impressive range of services, including a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living facility.

The proposed expansion to include a neighborhood hospital will significantly enhance the healthcare infrastructure in our area. This is particularly important as it will provide local access to emergency and inpatient services, which are crucial for handling acute medical conditions and supporting patients with chronic illnesses. The convenience of having such a comprehensive facility nearby will greatly benefit our community, ensuring that patients receive the necessary medical care promptly and effectively.

An additional advantage of the proposed hospital is its focus on providing integrated and patient-centered care. This approach is essential for delivering high-quality healthcare that meets the diverse needs of our community. By expanding the range of available services, the neighborhood hospital will facilitate better coordination of care, reduce healthcare disparities, and improve overall health outcomes.

Furthermore, the neighborhood hospital will serve as a vital resource for managing public health challenges, including the increasing burden of chronic diseases. With more local options for advanced medical care, we will be better equipped to address the complex healthcare needs of our population, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion is a critical step towards ensuring that our community has the resources and care necessary to thrive.

Sincerely,

Pawel Olszewski, MD

Internal Medicine Physician



June 21, 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 an OB/GYN practicing in our community, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. Over the years, I have witnessed firsthand the crucial role that comprehensive, accessible healthcare plays in improving the well-being of our community. NorthPointe currently offers a wide range of services, including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care center, various diagnostic and treatment facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center.

In my practice, I frequently encounter patients who require coordinated care across different medical specialties. For instance, expectant mothers benefit immensely from the integration of various services offered at NorthPointe, such as prenatal care, birthing facilities, and immediate access to a broad spectrum of diagnostic and treatment options. The presence of a birthing center within a well-integrated healthcare system ensures that both mothers and babies receive comprehensive and seamless care.

With the rising prevalence of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and hypertension, which can significantly complicate pregnancy and overall women's health, there is a pressing need for expanded resources to provide emergency and inpatient care. The proposal from Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a strategic and much-needed expansion that addresses these healthcare challenges in our community.

Having thoroughly reviewed the proposal, I am impressed by its focus on evidence-based practices and patient-centered care. The proposed expansion will greatly enhance the capacity to provide high-quality, accessible healthcare services to our community, particularly for women and families who often require a continuum of care. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal to meet the growing healthcare needs of our region.

Best wishes.

Robert Harris, MD **OBGYN Physician**

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Dear Chair Savage,

As a practicing podiatrist in our community, I am writing to express my support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. I work with patients who have a variety of foot and lower extremity conditions, and the expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is a vital development for our healthcare infrastructure.

In my practice, I see many patients suffering from complications related to diabetes, arthritis, and other chronic conditions that require ongoing and specialized care. NorthPointe currently offers essential services such as a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. While these services are incredibly valuable, the addition of a neighborhood hospital will provide a crucial upgrade to our healthcare system.

One of the most pressing needs in our community is timely access to comprehensive medical care, especially for those with chronic foot conditions. The neighborhood hospital will offer critical emergency and inpatient services that are currently lacking in our immediate area. For patients with diabetic foot ulcers or severe infections, access to advanced care facilities is not just convenient—it can be life-saving. Quick intervention can mean the difference between recovery and severe complications, including potential amputations.

Moreover, having a neighborhood hospital will greatly enhance our ability to deliver coordinated and integrated care. Many of my patients require multidisciplinary treatment. A local hospital will facilitate easier access to these services, reducing the burden on patients who often have to travel long distances for comprehensive care. This will improve patient outcomes and make it easier for individuals to adhere to their treatment plans.

Another significant benefit of the proposed expansion is the enhancement of preventive care services. A neighborhood hospital will enable more robust screening and monitoring programs for conditions like peripheral artery disease and diabetic neuropathy. Early detection and intervention are key to preventing severe complications and maintaining quality of life for our patients.

I strongly urge you to approve this proposal. The new hospital will be a critical asset in our efforts to provide comprehensive care and improve health outcomes for our patients.

Robert Sage, DPM

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Dear Chair Savage,

As a gastroenterologist practicing at NorthPointe Surgery Center in Roscoe, Illinois, I have had the privilege of collaborating closely with the specialists at Beloit Health System. Their expertise in providing specialty care, including rehabilitation, infectious disease services, wound healing, and other ancillary services, has been integral to the comprehensive care I deliver to my patients.

Beloit Health System plays a crucial role in ensuring extended continuity of care for my patients, allowing me to focus on specialized treatments within my field. Their commitment as a non-profit health system to accepting a wide range of insurance plans, including Medicaid and Medicare managed care plans, ensures that all patients, regardless of their insurance provider, can receive the care they need to recover and improve their health.

The NorthPointe campus, where Beloit Health System plans to expand access to inpatient and emergency services, is vital for our community. This expansion will enhance healthcare accessibility and provide timely interventions for residents of Roscoe and the surrounding areas.

I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit's proposal. This initiative will undoubtedly benefit our community by improving access to critical healthcare services and continuing Beloit Health System's legacy of excellence in patient care.

Sincerely,

Steve Yang, MD Gastroenterologist



July 2, 2024

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Dear Chair Savage,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to express my support for the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under consideration. As a pulmonary specialist, I've had the privilege of working closely with patients facing various respiratory challenges, from chronic conditions like asthma and COPD to acute respiratory infections.

In my role, I focus on providing comprehensive care, including conducting pulmonary assessments, managing treatments, and educating patients on self-care strategies. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, would be incredibly beneficial for our community.

A local hospital equipped with specialized respiratory services would improve access to timely care, especially during respiratory emergencies or exacerbations. This means guicker interventions, better management of symptoms, and ultimately, improved outcomes for our patients.

I believe that supporting the neighborhood hospital initiative is crucial for enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality in our community. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Warm regards.

Anne Marie Matelski, PA

Pulmonary Medicine

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am a nurse practitioner in internal medicine, and I want to say how much I support the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. I work with many patients who need help with their health problems, and I see how important it is to have good medical services close to home.

NorthPointe already has many helpful services like a fitness center, urgent care, different medical tests, a surgery center, a birthing center, doctor's offices, and a place for people who need more care. But we really need more. The new hospital will give us more help with emergencies and people who need to stay in the hospital.

It is hard for my patients when they have to travel far for medical care. Many of them are old or have serious health issues, so it's better if they can get help nearby. The new hospital will make sure they get the care they need without going too far. This will help them stay healthy and get better faster.

Also, the new hospital will bring more services to our community. This means that people can get all the care they need in one place, which makes it easier for them to manage their health. I really think this project will make a big difference in our community.

I hope the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will approve this project. It will help us give better care to the people who live here.

Thank you,

Christina Hughes, NP

Internal Medicine Nurse Practitioner



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Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to convey my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project.

As an Internal Medicine physician, the proposal by Beloit Health System will have a profound impact on the quality of care we can provide to our patients. In my practice, I understand the importance of immediate access to advanced healthcare facilities. The proposed neighborhood hospital will address these gaps by providing state-of-the-art emergency and inpatient services, which are essential for managing patients and contributing to comprehensive maternity care.

One of the most significant aspects of this project is the emphasis on patient experience. Beloit Health System's commitment to converting double rooms into private rooms at their existing hospital is a testament to their dedication to patient-centered care. This initiative, aimed at enhancing privacy and comfort, highlights their focus on patient well-being. It will create a more welcoming and supportive environment for new mothers and their families during such a critical time.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am particularly impressed by its alignment with best practices in patient care and its potential to significantly enhance the healthcare landscape in our community. The expansion of NorthPointe will facilitate better access to high-quality care, especially for women requiring specialized obstetric and gynecological services.

I strongly encourage you to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion will be a crucial step forward in improving healthcare delivery and patient experience in our community.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Palabrica, MD **OBGYN Physician**

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As an orthopedic surgeon serving our community, I specialize in diagnosing and treating a wide range of musculoskeletal conditions, including fractures, joint replacements, sports injuries, and spinal disorders.

In my practice, I am dedicated to providing comprehensive orthopedic care that includes surgical interventions, non-surgical treatments, and rehabilitation services aimed at restoring mobility and improving quality of life for my patients.

Orthopedic emergencies such as fractures requiring urgent surgical intervention or acute joint injuries demand immediate access to care and advanced diagnostic capabilities. Establishing a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our community's ability to deliver timely care. Utilizing existing space within an established facility offers a practical and cost-effective solution to meet our community's healthcare needs.

Furthermore, the introduction of a new 10-bed hospital will not only improve access to critical orthopedic services but also attract talented healthcare providers to our area. This expansion of medical facilities and services will create opportunities for collaboration and professional growth, ultimately enhancing the healthcare landscape of our community.

I believe that Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital initiative will greatly benefit our community by improving access to emergency services, and overall healthcare. Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse this proposal and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support its approval.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sellman Orthopedic Surgeon

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Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital proposal. As a gastroenterologist specializing in digestive health and having practiced in our community, I understand the critical importance of accessible and comprehensive healthcare services.

I routinely diagnose and treat a wide range of gastrointestinal conditions, including but not limited to, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and gastrointestinal cancers. I collaborate closely with my patients to develop personalized treatment plans, perform necessary diagnostic procedures such as endoscopies and colonoscopies, manage chronic conditions, and provide ongoing care to optimize their digestive health.

There are times when my patients experience acute gastrointestinal issues that require urgent medical attention, such as severe abdominal pain, gastrointestinal bleeding, or acute pancreatitis. Immediate access to specialized care and diagnostic facilities is crucial in these situations to ensure timely intervention and improve patient outcomes.

Establishing an emergency department and hospital at NorthPointe, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our community's ability to provide prompt and effective care for emergencies. The proposal addresses our healthcare challenges and will asssit with the recruitment of providers to our area, which is much needed!

I believe that Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital proposal is well-aligned with the needs of our community, particularly in enhancing access to care and emergency services. Therefore, I fully endorse this initiative and strongly encourage you to support its approval.

Sincerely.

David Yoon, MD Gastroenterologist

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Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement of the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as healthcare provider in the Surgery Department. The expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is a crucial step towards meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our community and ensuring comprehensive surgical care closer to home.

NorthPointe currently provides a range of essential healthcare services, including a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. However, the addition of a neighborhood hospital will significantly enhance our ability to deliver comprehensive services and emergency care.

The neighborhood hospital will play a pivotal role in enabling us to provide timely interventions and reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for care.

I have reviewed the details of the proposal and am impressed by NorthPointe's commitment to our patients and our community. The neighborhood hospital will not only enhance patient safety, surgical outcomes, and overall patient satisfaction.

Please approve the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project.

Sincerely,

Hannah Miller, NP General Surgery

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I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital. As an occupational health nurse practitioner with years of experience, I understand the critical role that accessible and comprehensive healthcare services play in promoting employee well-being and productivity.

The proposed hospital will significantly benefit our community by providing prompt emergency and inpatient services closer to home. This accessibility is crucial for managing workplace injuries and acute health conditions effectively, ensuring timely medical care for employees when they need it most.

I believe that supporting the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project is a strategic investment in our community's health and economic vitality. It reflects our dedication to advancing healthcare accessibility and supporting the well-being of employees across various industries.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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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,

Please approve the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under review. As a pulmonologist with significant experience specializing in respiratory diseases and critical care. I have witnessed firsthand the critical importance of timely access to medical services, especially in emergencies, where the passing of just a short amount of time can truly make the difference between life and death for patients with conditions like pulmonary embolism.

Establishing a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will greatly enhance our community's ability to provide prompt diagnosis, treatment, and critical care for respiratory emergencies and other pulmonary conditions. Having a local facility equipped with advanced diagnostic tools and specialized medical staff will expedite the delivery of life-saving interventions, improving outcomes and reducing the risks associated with delays in treatment.

I firmly believe that supporting this neighborhood hospital initiative is essential for enhancing healthcare access and outcomes in our community. Therefore, I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal, ensuring that our community has the necessary resources to deliver timely and high-quality care.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this critical matter – I truly believe that approving this project will literally save lives.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a neurologist specializing in diagnosing and treating neurological disorders, I have many years of experience providing specialized care to patients in our community.

In my practice, I understand the critical importance of timely access to specialized medical services, particularly for patients experiencing neurological emergencies such as strokes, seizures, and neurodegenerative diseases. Seconds can make a significant difference in the treatment and recovery of stroke patients, where quick intervention can often save lives and minimize long-term disability.

Establishing a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, would significantly enhance our community's ability to deliver prompt neurological care and interventions. The proximity of a local hospital equipped with advanced diagnostic and treatment capabilities will improve outcomes for patients by reducing treatment delays and ensuring timely access to care teams.

I firmly believe that supporting Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital initiative is essential for improving healthcare access and outcomes in our community. Therefore, I urge you to approve this proposal for the benefit of our patients and their families.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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June 27, 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 express my strong support for the proposed neighborhood hospital and emergency room project at NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus. As a physiatrist specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation, I have dedicated my career to improving the functional outcomes and quality of life for patients facing musculoskeletal, neurological, and chronic pain conditions.

NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus has been instrumental in providing comprehensive rehabilitative care to our community. Our multidisciplinary team collaborates closely to develop personalized treatment plans that address the unique needs of each patient, whether recovering from surgery, managing chronic pain, or rehabilitating after a neurological injury.

The addition of a neighborhood hospital with emergency services is crucial for enhancing our ability to deliver timely and effective care. Many of our patients require immediate medical attention for acute exacerbations of chronic conditions or unexpected injuries. Having onsite emergency facilities will ensure that patients receive prompt evaluation, stabilization, and appropriate interventions, which are pivotal in preventing complications and promoting recovery.

Furthermore, the proposed project underscores our commitment to advancing integrated healthcare solutions. By expanding our capabilities to include emergency care alongside rehabilitation services, we can optimize patient outcomes and streamline access to comprehensive healthcare within our community.

I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. This initiative will not only meet the growing healthcare needs of our community but also uphold our mission to provide compassionate, patient-centered care.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kenneth Klein, MD

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June 24, 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 community family practice physician, I am writing to lend my full support to the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. My practice involves caring for patients of all ages and managing a variety of acute and chronic conditions. NorthPointe currently provides a wide array of vital services, including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care center, various diagnostic and treatment facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center.

In my experience, patients benefit tremendously from the comprehensive care available at NorthPointe. For example, having immediate access to diagnostics and specialist consultations in one location streamlines care and improves patient outcomes. With the rising rates of chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and COPD in our community, it is evident that there is a pressing need for expanded emergency and inpatient services.

The Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital is a well-considered plan that addresses these healthcare needs by enhancing the availability of critical services. After reviewing the proposal, I really like its commitment to providing quality care.

I believe that expanding the inpatient and emergency services at NorthPointe will significantly improve the health and well-being of our community. Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve this proposal.

Best regards,

Kathleen Klespis-Wick, MD Family Medicine Physician

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to endorse the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under consideration. As a urologist with decades of experience serving our community, I specialize in diagnosing and treating a variety of urological conditions, including kidney stones, urinary tract infections, prostate disorders, and urological cancers.

I am dedicated to providing comprehensive urological care, which includes performing surgeries, managing chronic conditions, and offering preventive treatments to optimize patient health and quality of life.

There are instances when my patients require urgent medical attention for acute urological emergencies such as kidney stone episodes, urinary retention, or genitourinary trauma. Immediate access to care and diagnostic facilities is crucial in these situations to prevent complications and ensure the best possible outcomes for patients.

Establishing an emergency department and hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our community's ability to deliver timely and specialized care. The proposal acknowledges the need for accessible healthcare services and proposes a practical solution by utilizing existing space within an established facility. This approach allows for the provision of essential medical resources without the substantial costs associated with constructing a larger hospital.

I believe that Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital proposal will greatly benefit our community by improving access to emergency services, and overall healthcare. Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse this initiative and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support its approval.

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As an audiologist specializing in hearing and balance disorders, I understand the importance of accessible healthcare services for our community.

A neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe would enhance access to essential medical services, benefiting residents who require prompt medical attention, including those with acute hearing and balance concerns. This facility would complement existing healthcare resources and improve overall patient outcomes.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application. This initiative will undoubtedly enhance healthcare access and improve the quality of life for individuals in our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Debra Savage Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Project #24-018

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to request approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital. As an orthopedic surgeon who has been on the medical staff of Beloit Memorial Hospital for 7 years and seeing patients in the Northpointe medical office building in Roscoe for some time, I have a deep understanding of the healthcare landscape and the need for expanded emergency and inpatient services to meet the growing demands of the Stateline communities.

The nature of orthopedic injuries, ranging from fractures and dislocations to severe sprains and trauma, often necessitates prompt evaluation and treatment to prevent further complications and ensure optimal outcomes. Emergency room personnel play a critical role in the initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic imaging of orthopedic injuries, laying the foundation for subsequent orthopedic intervention. Moreover, emergency rooms serve as gateways for patients who present with orthopedic injuries or conditions but do not have immediate access to primary care providers or orthopedic specialists. By offering prompt evaluation and treatment, my Emergency Medicine colleagues contribute to reducing pain, restoring function, and improving overall patient satisfaction. When indicated, they can then seamlessly transition patients to my care.

Given my reliance on emergency rooms as crucial partners in delivering timely and effective care to patients with acute musculoskeletal injuries or conditions, I firmly believe that the approval of this CON will optimize patient outcomes and enhance overall healthcare delivery in the community, and I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application, Project 24-018.

With regards

Dr. Lee McFadden Orthopedic Surgeon