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RE: Opposition to Proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

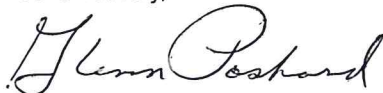
Dear Chairwoman Savage,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would first like to thank you and your fellow board members for the concern and detailed questioning you presented during your discussion of the proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project last year. I believe the outcome of the Board's vote, the denial of this proposed project, was the correct outcome and I write today to urge you to remain consistent in your opposition. As former Board Chair, I know the importance of the role this Board plays in protecting the health care system of Illinois. The information gathered at the October 2024 meeting clearly showed that the proposed facility does not provide sufficient benefit to Illinois or to Roscoe and surrounding communities, to justify the potential harm it causes through the unnecessary duplication of services, increased cost, and negative impact to existing facilities.

Further, I note that Beloit Health System sought to open a freestanding ED in the Roscoe community in the past and they were denied. During BHS's testimony in October it became clear that the focus of the project was on the emergency department component of the proposal, not on any actual need for a new 10 bed, low acuity, hospital. In my mind, this project serves only as a second bite at the apple in an attempt to open an emergency department in the border community that would serve to route patients out of Illinois and into a Wisconsin facility.

I urge you and the Review Board to remain strong in your opposition to this proposal as it fails to meet the basic expectations the IHFSRB maintains for new hospitals in the state.

Most sincerely,



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