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February 10, 2025

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

RE: Opposition to Proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

I am writing today to express my continued opposition Beloit Health System, Inc.'s proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital in Winnebago County, Illinois. Nothing that was stated by BHS at this Board's October 2024 meeting, or submitted by BHS to the Board since, has allayed my concerns.

Beloit Health System makes clear in its application for the proposed micro hospital that it will operate as a "remote location" of the larger facility in Beloit, Wisconsin. To open a facility that is unequipped to treat the full needs of the acute patient population as a smaller component of a larger hospital clearly means that patients will need to transfer to the larger facility – and I have little doubt that these patients will be sent out of state and straight to Wisconsin. In the meantime, patients awaiting transfer or the arrival of a specialist, will have to do just that – wait.

I am relieved to know that the Board shared my concern about the safety risks this project poses for our communities.

As a representative of another state boarder community within Illinois, this project is especially important to me and my constituents. I strongly urge you to oppose the creation of a new hospital and instead focus on strengthening and supporting our existing healthcare facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Jay C. Hoffman in black ink.

Jay C. Hoffman
State Representative
113th District