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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
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Dear Chairwoman Savage and members of the IHFSRB,

As you know, I oppose Beloit Health System, Inc.'s proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital near Rockford, Illinois. The community I represent in Peoria is not very different from Rockford and I fear that should the proposed project move forward, communities like mine will see negative repercussions in our existing healthcare facilities.

Nothing that I have learned changes my concern that Beloit Health System's proposed new hospital will stress the resources of the current facilities for the benefit of the residents of the state of Wisconsin. This stress will come not only from diluted payer mixes, but also through staff shortages. If the proposed NorthPointe facility offered services that were not mere duplications of the services already available, the calculus should be different. But that is not the case here.

I strongly urge you to continue to oppose the new hospital and instead support the existing healthcare infrastructure. By investing in the expansion and improvement of our current healthcare facilities, we can ensure that patients receive high-quality care without risking patient safety, increasing healthcare costs, or destabilizing the Illinois healthcare market.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jehan Gordon-Booth".

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