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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project No. 13-072, NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus Ambulatory Surgery Treatment Center Roscoe

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing in support of building the NorthPointe Ambulatory Surgery Center. I will keep it brief, but I see this Surgery Center as being well needed. I used to work in Ambulatory Surgery at Beloit Memorial Hospital, and at that time, 5 years ago; it was overcrowded and there were scheduling conflicts.

Fast forward 5 years, I work in the ER now at Beloit Memorial Hospital and I see the OR and Ambulatory Surgery more overcrowded than ever. We have added 2 more cardiac surgeons who are doing procedures that sometime require overnight stays. The best part is that when we have a patient who is having an acute heart attack, they can be operated on immediately, instead of being transferred to another facility. This means a better outcome for these patients.

Example, yesterday we had a patient in the ER who was actively having a heart attack, and because we have these cardiac surgeons, this patient was able to leave our ER in 13 minutes, have a cardiac catheterization in less than 22 minutes and will survive. Time is of the essence in these situations. The bad part is the outpatient cases were shuffled and bumped around due to this emergency and if we can move the outpatient surgeries to NorthPointe, they will stay on time without being bumped due to cardiac emergencies and everyone will win, especially the patients.

I completely agree from an emergent point of view and a non-emergent point of view that there should be an Ambulatory Surgery Center built at NorthPointe. It really is a win-win situation. I am thinking that the opposing parties are more worried about the competition rather than the saturation and they should be worried. Beloit Health System provides excellent care to Roscoe/Rockton and to the whole stateline area. Look how successful NorthPointe is already; there is a reason for that.

Please let the NorthPointe Ambulatory Surgery Center be approved! It really is a win-win situation for everyone.

Any questions, please feel free to call me at 608-295-5269.

Respectfully,



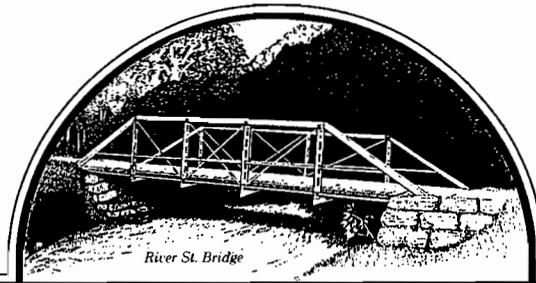
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Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

As you are aware, I appeared at the hearing on Monday, February 10, 2014, to provide my support for the development of the Ambulatory Surgery Center at the NorthPointe Health and Wellness campus. I am following up with this letter to provide my additional insight regarding this matter.

I was appalled by the response of the other health systems in the Rockford market that came out to oppose this project. As Mr. McKevev mentioned in his testimony, Beloit Health System has been providing health care services in this market since 1991 and has proven to be a strong community partner. None of the other surrounding health systems have expressed an interest in providing health services to our community until the Beloit Health System built the NorthPointe Health and Wellness facility, which opened in December of 2007. Additionally, even today while building facilities in our community, the other health systems do not actively participate in community events, such as the chamber, or other community functions. Beloit Health System has always been present and supportive of various community projects that serve the betterment of our local residents.

Further, one party in opposition referenced the inconvenience that this would cause residents of Wisconsin to have to travel to NorthPointe and instead they should build the facility in Wisconsin or patients in Illinois who come to Beloit could travel to Belvidere, "Conveniently located off of I-90", or Rockford to their centers. I believe that patients have a choice of where their care will take place. Residents in Wisconsin travel to NorthPointe today to receive their care and residents of Illinois travel to Beloit Memorial Hospital for their healthcare services as traveling to Rockford or Belvidere is not convenient. Belvidere is approximately a 23-29 minute drive from Roscoe, depending on the route the driver takes. Rockford is approximately a 19-20 minute drive from Roscoe. This drive would not be convenient for patients in Illinois or Wisconsin to make. In addition, with the additional number of patients who now have healthcare due to the ACA, it is imperative that organizations like Beloit Health System are able to create new venues of care that will allow patients to be seen in a timely manner at a lower cost which this facility would achieve.

Perhaps the real crux of the issue is that these organizations would like to build this type of center in the community and are upset that Beloit Health System made this request first. In conclusion, I strongly suspect the only reason for their opposition is to protect their own financial interests and has nothing to do with the best interests of the patients in our community. If my suspicions are correct, and I believe they are, these healthcare organizations should be ashamed of themselves. I strongly support the development of an Ambulatory Surgery Center at NorthPointe and am hopeful the Illinois Health Services Review Board will provide a Certificate of Need.

Very Truly Yours,

David Krienke  
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Roscoe, Illinois

cc: Mike Constantino

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