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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson  
Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing to lend my support for the campus revitalization project proposed by Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital which includes the construction of a replacement hospital on the site of the currently operating facility.

I am an orthopedic surgeon, specializing in spine surgery, and have practiced at Lake Forest Hospital for 24 years. I am also a 20 year resident of Lake Forest, and an Alderman of the City of Lake Forest. My children were born at Lake Forest Hospital. My grandfather, father, mother, brother and wife have received surgical and medical care, and my grandfather and wife received treatment for terminal cancer at this outstanding community hospital. The members of the surrounding community have always received the quality of care at NMLFH that my family has been privileged to access. Despite the level of service rendered to the community over the years, the 70 year old facility is no longer able to adapt to the demands of evolving high tech medical care. It is for this reason that I urge you to approve the proposed plans for construction of a new, and fully modern hospital facility on the campus.

There is little question from a medical, and practical standpoint, that a new hospital facility, as proposed by NWLFH, will enhance the provision, and availability of high quality healthcare to our extended community. The services rendered at NMLFH are currently sought by patients from all walks of life in Northeastern Illinois, and Southeastern Wisconsin. As a physician who treats patients at LFH, I can attest to the commitment to quality, and compassion of the institution, that has continued despite the obsolete physical conditions present, and can only imagine what can be accomplished when the physical state of the hospital is equal to the commitment to excellent medical care exhibited by the hospital and it's staff.



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As an Alderman of the City of Lake Forest I can assure you that our community enthusiastically supports revitalizing NMLFH in order to continue our tradition of providing access to unparalleled community healthcare services to the extended communities of NE Illinois. The surrounding communities are diverse socioeconomically, yet receive a uniformly high level of service and compassion at this noble institution. Your approval of this proposed project will allow our community to continue this tradition and commitment

Sincerely,

Stanford R. Tack, M.D..