ALDERMAN HARRY OSTERMAN
48TH WARD

July 2, 2019

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

Dear Administrator Avery:

As the Alderman for the 48th Ward of the City of Chicago home of Swedish Covenant Hospital, I support the affiliation of the Hospital with NorthShore University HealthSystem. NorthShore and Swedish Covenant Hospital together will expand access and enhance delivery of top-quality healthcare services in Chicagoland. The two organizations have a common vision and purpose and a combined 260-year tradition of delivering outstanding patient care and outcomes across diverse urban and suburban neighborhoods.

Swedish Covenant Hospital has a long history of serving the residents of my Ward on the north side of Chicago and employing more than 2500 individuals and over 600 physicians; one of Chicago's largest employer on the north side. Like the community it serves, Swedish Covenant Hospital is committed to serving its patient population which reflects this diversity in ethnicity, religion, socio-economic background, age and country of origin.

NorthShore University HealthSystem has embraced this commitment and has made associated commitments. Through the Swedish Covenant Foundation, the organizations will continue to support vulnerable populations (e.g., violence prevention, housing for the homeless, dental clinic) to preserve health and invest in expanding healthcare for the residents in my ward and beyond for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Harry Osterman
Alderman 48th Ward

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