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July 8, 2019

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

Dear Administrator Avery:

As Congressman of Illinois's 5th Congressional District, I represent Swedish Covenant Hospital and the communities it serves. I support the hospital's plan to affiliate with NorthShore University HealthSystem. Swedish Covenant Hospital provides critical healthcare services, educational programs and employment to those living in my District and surrounding community.

Healthcare for underserved communities is a priority, and I share the Hospital's vision to expand their healthcare system for people struggling with mental illness and substance abuse and for comprehensive cancer services. I am very aware of the need for a strong healthcare presence in our community to continue and enhance a broad mission to improve health and wellness for all of our residents.

After the completion of the partnership, Swedish Covenant Hospital will continue to operate as a full-service acute care community Safety-Net hospital on Chicago's North Side, but one with greater access to world-class services and more secure future. The organizations with maintain their respective physician and ambulatory care networks with expanding access to innovative patient care models.

Joining the NorthShore family will allow Swedish Covenant Hospital to expand its expertise in research programs, personalized medicine and advanced specialty services and provide its patients with access to the best health care available.

I support the affiliation of Swedish Covenant Hospital with North Shore University HealthSystem because I believe the affiliation will not only further the historical and charitable missions of Swedish Covenant Hospital but will also offer significant benefits to Chicago's north and northwest side communities that would not otherwise be possible if the Hospital continued to operate independently.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress