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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am pleased to write on behalf of HANA Center in support of the planned affiliation between Swedish Covenant Health and the NorthShore University HealthSystem. HANA Center's mission is to serve and organize local Korean American, immigrant and multi-ethnic communities to achieve justice for all. Over the years, HANA Center has partnered with Swedish Covenant Health in many ways, including collaborating to host an annual Korean American Community Health Fair (currently in its 43rd year), offering feedback on the inclusive development of SCH's Women's Health Center, and participating in Community Leader engagement meetings, and providing comprehensive workforce services for survivors through the Violence Prevention Program.

As a community-based organization, HANA Center is deeply committed to ensuring every member of our community has access to critical health services, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, income, or documentation status. More than 65% of participants in our annual health fair receive women's health services, including mammograms and pap smears. For our local Korean American community, Swedish Covenant Health's partnership helps fulfill the Mayora Rosenberg Women's Health Center's vision of breaking down barriers and providing open access to critical women's health services.

We anticipate that Swedish Covenant Health's partnership with NorthShore will strengthen and enhance its services for residents in the City of Chicago by enabling Swedish Covenant Health to have access to an even greater network of resources to adapt to the ever-changing health care environment while maintaining its community-rooted, patient-centric approach. By combining resources with NorthShore, Swedish Covenant Health is taking a huge step to ensure that north side residents have the best, most cost-effective healthcare available, which we hope will translate into a continued stability and long-term access to healthcare and employment for community residents. HANA Center looks forward to a continued partnership with Swedish Covenant Health as they take this next step to become part of NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Sincerely,

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