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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery,

On behalf of the City of Highland Park, we support the proposed partnership between NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) and Swedish Covenant Health (Swedish). NorthShore and Swedish have a common vision and purpose to deliver outstanding care and services across diverse urban and suburban neighborhoods.

NorthShore has made multimillion dollar investments in Highland Park Hospital's clinical programs over the past decade, as well as renovations to facilities and infrastructure to ensure the delivery of essential services to the community. NorthShore has also demonstrated its commitment to the community through collaborative programs and financial support to local organizations that help residents in need. Emergency assistance funding as well as annual food drives are provided to Moraine Township. Over the past decade, NorthShore also collaborated with Lake County Health Department to improve diabetes management and resources for Lake County residents.

I believe NorthShore and Swedish are aligned in their mission to serve the community while maintaining a patient-centered approach to care. Together, patients will benefit from two exemplary physician networks along with additional access points to Immediate Care, Primary Care and Specialty Care services—from Lake County and into the City of Chicago. This also includes responsive care models that address the diverse needs across our populations.

I feel strongly that through the combined exceptional resources of two highly respected institutions, NorthShore and Swedish will take healthcare to the next level—ensuring that all residents will have the best, most cost-effective healthcare available. My hope is that this also translates successfully into more stable, long-term healthcare, and greater employment opportunities in the community.

The City of Highland Park looks forward to our continued partnership with NorthShore as they embark on this exciting journey with Swedish to create transformative healthcare for all patients now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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