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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,

North Park University supports the affiliation of Swedish Covenant Health with NorthShore University HealthSystem. As a nonprofit, faith-based mission driven organization, Swedish Covenant Health has been committed to caring for the communities it serves for 133 years. Sharing a rich long history of serving the north and northwest sides of Chicago, North Park University and Swedish Covenant Health share many ideals. North Park University nurtures faith and affirms learning in all of its forms as a gift, a joy and a sacred obligation. Like Swedish Covenant Health, we embrace and value all people and revere our global cultural tapestry.

Under the proposed partnership, Swedish Covenant Health will advance its mission by partnering with a top healthcare organization in Illinois that shares their commitment to community-based healthcare. Following the planned transaction with NorthShore, we expect a continued relationship through both our nursing program and the seminary chaplain's program. We also plan to continue our partnership with the broader health system to meet our community's challenges and opportunities together.

As a fellow non-profit organization, NorthShore is aligned with Swedish Covenant's and North Park University's missions to serve and will provide the resources needed to continue this commitment for years to come. We look forward to the new opportunities that the NorthShore affiliation provides and support the approval of the transaction by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

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