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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed partnership between Northwest Community Healthcare and Northshore University HealthSystem.

The Lutheran Home, a mission driven, not for profit organization, has served the Arlington Heights and surrounding northwest suburban community for more than 125 years. We are committed to the health and wellness of our community. Lutheran Home has a strong partnership with NCH. An NCH clinic on the Lutheran Home campus serves many of the older adults who live here. Our Medical Director is an NCH physician. And the majority of patients served through our MyRehab, short term rehabilitation program, are from Northwest Community Hospital. Therefore, we are excited to see two community-connected, mission driven organizations unite.

We look forward to the bringing together of physician leaders, researchers and clinical teams, to expand access to specialty expertise and shape best practices. We believe this partnership will benefit the communities in which we both serve.

Respectfully,

Andrew Kazmierczak  
Executive Director  
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