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Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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Dear Ms. Avery,

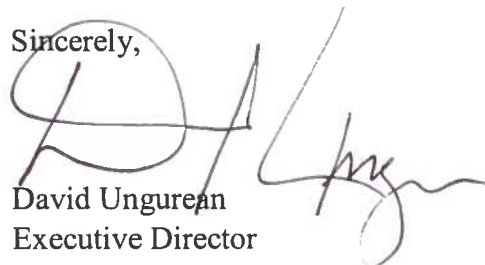
On behalf of the Northwest Community Hospital Foundation, I'm writing to express our overwhelming support for the merger of Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH) and NorthShore University HealthSystem.

For the last 60 years, the NCH mission of caring for the residents in Chicago's northwest suburbs has grown steadily. As the hospital became a health system, it both expanded access points to care and grew its community-focused mission. Many medical advances and much of this mission-focused work are supported by the NCH Foundation, which I am proud to lead, resulting in \$4.5 – 5 million annually in charitable contributions.

Our expectation is that this community emphasis will only continue under the new partnership. The NCH Foundation and its fundraising efforts will remain local, advancing Northwest Community's capabilities and aiding those who rely on us. This means that programs such as Nurse Navigators and Animal Assisted Therapy, which together serve nearly 15,000 patients annually, will be ongoing. It means our community nurse and mobile dental clinic will continue to treat our area's underserved patients. Our nurse education and scholarship programs will continue to support career development and employment opportunities for our dedicated staff, many of who also reside in northwest suburbs. And so much more.

Both organizations have affirmed their strong community commitments that together we believe will only enhance the care and services available to NCH patients and beyond. I ask for your support.

Sincerely,



David Ungurean
Executive Director