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**Thomas W. Hayes**  
Mayor

July 24, 2020

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

Dear Administrator Avery,

Since 1959, Northwest Community Hospital has provided high-quality healthcare to residents of Arlington Heights and the surrounding northwest suburbs. Northwest Community Healthcare, which includes the flagship hospital and its many outpatient clinics, is the second largest employer in our community, providing thousands of clinical, skilled, administrative and support jobs to residents of this region.

It is with those two factors in mind that I write to convey my enthusiastic support for the merger of Northwest Community Healthcare and NorthShore University HealthSystem. I support this project because I believe it will solidify Northwest Community Healthcare's delivery of high-quality healthcare for the foreseeable future.

I have been the Mayor of Arlington Heights since 2013 and a resident for more than three decades. My wife, Susan, has been a registered nurse for many years, so I am both professionally and personally aware of the importance of continuing to evolve and strengthen our region's healthcare network and expanding access to care.

Aligning with NorthShore University HealthSystem will provide a critical link to specialty care and research, which will further improve the health and wellness of the residents of Arlington Heights and surrounding communities. I strongly encourage and endorse this partnership and ask for the Review Board's approval.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Hayes  
Mayor, Village of Arlington Heights