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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS: Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman
Pamela Jones Harbour
Jon Leibowitz
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J. Thomas Rosch**

In the matter of

EVANSTON NORTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE CORPORATION | Docket No. 9315

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**FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AS *AMICUS CURIAE* IN SUPPORT OF NEITHER
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Pursuant to 16 C.F.R. § 3.52(j), David Dranove, Leemore Dafny, Roger Feldman, Martin Gaynor, Vivian Ho, Richard Lindrooth, and Mark Satterthwaite (collectively “Amici”), respectfully move for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in this matter. The Amici are professors at major universities who have researched and written extensively on health economics, industrial organization, and the economics of competition in health care. This submission describes what the Amici believe are consensus views on some economic questions that arise in connection with the August 6, 2007 ruling by the Federal Trade Commission in the matter of EVANSTON NORTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, Docket No. 9315.

The United States health care system is predicated on free competition among buyers and sellers of health care services, including hospital services. The Amici believe that the final outcome of EVANSTON NORTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE CORPORATION has the potential to shape the nature of health care competition for years to come. The Amici, acting independently of the Commission and any interested parties, take no side in this matter, but believe that the attached brief may assist the Commission in addressing any appeals and future decisions. Moreover, complaint counsel’s filing is due on October 29, 2007, and respondent’s response is due ten days later, which provides both sides with sufficient time to address any matters raised in our brief to which they may wish to respond. No injustice will result from granting leave to us to file our brief at this time and permitting the brief to be filed may yield substantial benefits to the public record and to the outcome.

Dated: October 16, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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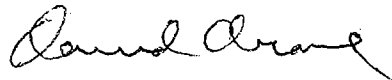
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