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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761-0001

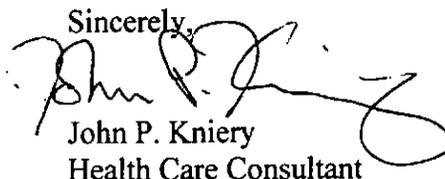
Re: **Project #11-013, Bel-Wood Nursing Home**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the following 17 letters as additional written comments on the above referenced project. The letters are from Linda Patton, Administrator at Liberty Village of Peoria, Junior Watkins, Peoria County Board Member (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Brian Elsasser, Peoria County Board Member (14<sup>th</sup> District), Phillip Salzer, Peoria County Board Member (8<sup>th</sup> District), Andrew Rand, Peoria County Board Member (4<sup>th</sup> District), Michael Phelan, Peoria County Board Member (9<sup>th</sup> District), Lynn Scott Pearson, Peoria County Board Member (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Rachael Parker, Peoria County Board Member (5<sup>th</sup> District), James C. Dillon, Peoria County Board Member (7<sup>th</sup> District), Bonnie Hester, Peoria County Board Member (1<sup>st</sup> District), James Fennell, Peoria County Board Member (13<sup>th</sup> District), Robert Baietto, Peoria County Board Member (12<sup>th</sup> District), G. Allen Mayer, Peoria County Board Member (6<sup>th</sup> District), Thomas H. O'Neill III, Peoria County Board Member (17<sup>th</sup> District), Michael Phelan, Supervisor of Richwoods Township, Martin J. Helfers, Executive Director of the West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council and James R. Dillon, Mayor of the City of West Peoria.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Kniery  
Health Care Consultant

JPK/gk  
Enclosures

C: Scott Sorrel, Assistant to County Administrator  
Michael Scavatto, Management Performance Associates



Health Care Consulting



## City of West Peoria

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Thursday, March 17, 2011

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board  
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I would like to encourage the approval of the Certificate of Need application being submitted by the County of Peoria. The City of West Peoria is eager for Bel-Wood's 214 residents, their family members, and the employees of Peoria County to become a part of our community. The site chosen by the County is in the heart of West Peoria, a location that our City supports. Through intergovernmental partnership, the City will be constructing a new City Hall adjacent to the site for the new Bel-Wood.

Your favorable consideration of their application for a Certificate of need is appreciated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

James R Dillon  
Mayor



# West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council

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April 15, 2011

Dear Sirs:

My name is Marty Helfers and I serve as Executive Director of the West Central IL Building and Construction Trades Council and the 17,000 union construction members who provide their services in Central and West Central Illinois.

I feel compelled to write this letter in support of the replacement of the existing Bel-Wood nursing home. The current structure that houses Bel-Wood is nearing 50 years in service. Having been employed by a local HVAC company I spent a lot of time working on the HVAC system at Bel-Wood. The age and design of that system is such that without a massive re-design and re-placement plan the comfort and environmental inefficiencies would be very difficult to correct. The mechanical system is really an indication of the entire facility's out-of-date structuring. To continue to attempt to bring this building into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with new technology and improvements would be nearly as costly as building a new facility.

This project has a Project Labor Agreement in place between the West Central Building Trades Council and the County of Peoria. This agreement helps to insure local residents will be employed on the project for the 16-20 month construction cycle. The effects of the recession on the local construction market have caused much unemployment within the trades. This project will have a positive impact on the long-term unemployment situation in Central Illinois.

The construction of the new Bel-Wood facility will benefit many citizens. Most importantly the residents of Bel-Wood and their families will have the long lasting and positive effect of this project. This will be a new, energy efficient building that will be home to members of our families for generations to come.

The West Central IL Building and Construction Trades Council strongly endorses the construction of a new Bel-Wood nursing home facility in Peoria County.

Respectfully,

Martin J. Helfers  
Executive Director

In Affiliation

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR—CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS





# Liberty Village of Peoria

March 10, 2011

Bel-Wood Nursing Home  
6701 W. Plank Road  
Peoria, IL 61604

Attn: Mr. Matt Niekirk

On behalf of Liberty Village of Peoria, please accept this letter of support for your application to build a replacement facility.

We are excited that you will be able to relocate to a more central location, as this new location may be more beneficial to your residents and those needing your services. We also understand that you will be downsizing your facility, which is also beneficial to those you serve, as it will create a more comforting environment. You have a strong mission of assisting the indigent in our community, and this replacement facility will provide a wonderful way to continue that mission.

We hope that your application for your replacement facility will be approved by the Health Facilities Planning Board.

Sincerely,

Linda Patton  
Administrator

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Sincerely,

Junior Watkins  
Peoria County Board Member, 2nd District



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Sincerely,

Brian Elsasser  
Peoria County Board Member, 14th District



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Sincerely,

Phillip Salzer  
Peoria County Board Member, 8th District



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Sincerely,

Andrew Rand  
Peoria County Board Member, 4th District



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Sincerely,

Michael Phelan  
Peoria County Board Member, 9th District



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Sincerely,

Lynn Scott Pearson  
Peoria County Board Member, 3rd District



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Sincerely,

Rachael Parker  
Peoria County Board Member, 5th District



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The proposed location holds a special place for me personally, as it will be located within my district. The proposed location within the City of West Peoria offers an incredible opportunity for the citizens of West Peoria as an urban property is redeveloped and a partnership is forged with the City of West Peoria.

Your favorable consideration of their application for a Certificate of need would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our County Administrator, Patrick Urich at the address or phone number above. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Dillon  
Peoria County Board Member, 7th District



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Sincerely,

Bonnie Hester  
Peoria County Board Member, 1st District



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Sincerely,

James Fennell  
Peoria County Board Member, 13th District



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Sincerely,

Robert Baietto  
Peoria County Board Member, 12th District



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G Allen Mayer  
Peoria County Board Member, 6th District



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Thomas H O'Neill III  
Chairman, Peoria County Board  
Member 17th District

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# RICHWOODS TOWNSHIP

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Michael E. Phelan  
Supervisor



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Phelan".

Michael Phelan  
Supervisor, Richwoods Township

