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Mr. Mike Constantino
Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
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Dear Mr. Constantino:

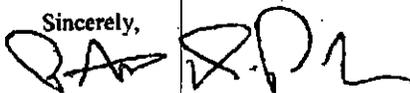
I am hoping your review of my letter will support the denial of the Transitional Care Center of Arlington Heights.

As the Administrator of the Rosewood Care Center of Inverness for the past 4 years, I have witnessed the daily struggle to maintain a level of occupancy to fund our business. Our facility is unique in the fact that we have (2) hospitals we can call our "911" hospital, St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates and Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. Due to the overabundance of skilled nursing centers in our market, a market that expands across both hospitals' discharge areas, the majority of the centers remain beneath the 90% occupancy threshold. It is hard to believe that anyone would propose building another nursing facility in the area based upon the current occupancy levels that remain well below that threshold.

Our facility is located next to the Harper Community College of Palatine, Illinois. We are fortunate to be a training site for the college's nursing program. This relationship benefits the nursing center as we are always visited by well trained and caring individuals seeking nursing positions. However, many of our area nursing centers struggle filling open nurse and nurse aide positions. They are forced to use nurse agency, temporary employee staffing to satisfy their patients' care needs. Building another nursing center in Arlington Heights will no doubt cause a strain on the already limited professional nursing work force. This will have a negative impact on nursing center patient care. How will the residents of Arlington Heights area be benefitting from that?

Please consider denial of Transitional Care Center in Arlington Heights, Illinois. There is currently no demonstrated need for the project and the construction of another facility in the service area would most certainly pose a negative impact for Rosewood Care Center, other service providers, as well as the community.

Sincerely,



Patrick DiPaolo
Administrator
Rosewood Care Center Inverness