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Re: Application to close Culbertson Long Term Care in Rushville, IL

Dear Review Board,

It is with interest that we have read of the application to close Culbertson Long Term Care. Although we no longer live in the Rushville area, we still have family there and visit there regularly.

We have had a cousin, an aunt, an uncle and most recently a mother there at Long Term Care. Each of these were able to remain in their hometown and receive excellent, compassionate care. Remaining in their hometown has made it easier for family, friends and neighbors to visit them.

This facility has been caring for patients since 1986. It is unique in that it is not dependent on public aid or medicare funding. It is private pay only.

Other facilities in the area have closed and so choices of long term care are more limited now. We have friends who moved a grandmother from Culbertson Long Term Care, when they heard that it was closing, to Astoria Gardens in Astoria, IL. Then that facility announced their closing and families were given one week to find another place for their loved one. This grandmother is now back at Culbertson Long Term Care and content.

Apparently, the problem with Long Term Care remaining open is that Culbertson Hospital is a critical access hospital. Perhaps the restriction that critical access hospitals cannot have a long term care department is what needs to be reviewed.

We are opposed to the closing of Long Term Care at Culbertson Memorial Hospital. Please consider carefully the application to close this much needed facility.

Sincerely,

*John Nell*

*Barbara Nell*

John and Barbara Nell