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Dear Review Board:

This letter is written in concern of the closing of Culbertson Long Term Care Facility in Rushville, Illinois. This is a private pay unit. No Medicare funds are utilized. It has been a profitable unit. The board has spent much time in the consideration of this matter, and I appreciate that. I do feel as a taxpayer, that it is unfortunate that due to being a Critical Access Hospital it receives a deduction from Medicare payments because it has this facility. Senator Schrock has indicated that this is being considered for major cuts. What will this do to our hospital? Not only will we have no Long Term unit but will we have a hospital when the air clears?

We are all aware of the constantly economic changes that are occurring in our world. Is it a time to make rash decisions? Jobs are being lost. We have seen several closing of this nature in communities nearby. The need for the elder care is great. Do we as a community not have some responsibility.

I have long heard of the role Dr. Culbertson has played in this county. He and his wife built this health care facility for this area with their own funds. They had a dream! They cared! It has always been CULBERTSON CARES!

My 92 year old mother is a resident. She will be facing a difficult adjustment. She has had wonderful care! She will hopefully survive the change, but I think of the many others in our community and area who will not have this choice.

Please consider this proposal carefully!

Sincerely,

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