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Re: The Healthcare Center at Monarch Landing, Project Number 12-036

Dear Chairman Galassie,

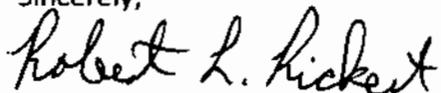
I have been a Resident of Monarch Landing for over four years and was very disappointed when your committee rejected our Healthcare Center at Monarch Landing.

Why is this project important to us Residents? Our investment was based on the promise Monarch Landing would grow into a continual Care Retirement Community which enables us to "age in place". Without the Monarch Landing Healthcare facility this will not be possible. Furthermore, not having a nursing home on site, we miss the security of our friends when we are forced to relocate miles away. Why you might ask, many of our Resident's are confined to the Independent Living facility. However, if we had a connected Healthcare Center, the Resident's could visit. This is important because the camaraderie provided is as good as the medicine.

Over the past four years probably over 100 Residents have either transferred to a nursing home or lived in a rehabilitation facility. Just last week, two of our Resident's were transferred to a nursing home, so the trend continues.

I look forward to you and your committee approving our Healthcare Center project in October.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Galassie,

I am a retired Critical Care Nurse and 30 years ago I was looking for assisted living for my Mother. She was alert but not physically able to care for herself. Continuing Care Communities were unavailable at that time. The only care available was Nursing Homes. Thus didn't have the opportunity to "age in place" like Monarch Landing wants to provide for my husband and myself. No greater gift can we give our children then knowing their parents are taking care of.

In the rejection of Monarch Landing's Healthcare Center, you state that 90% occupancy is the goal. Many of the facilities you listed in our area haven't improved in occupancy or Medicare rating for many years. You need to ask why.

Please reconsider our "certificate of need".

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing you in support of the application of Monarch Landing in Naperville, IL for the Certificate of Need for their proposed Health Center.

When we moved into Monarch Landing four years ago, we moved into it as a Continuing Care Community, and were assured that construction of the Health Center would begin soon. Now four years later, construction cannot begin because the Certificate of Need has not yet been approved.

At this point neither I nor my wife have needed Skilled Nursing services, but we are in our eighties and we may need that kind of service in the future. Through these four years, however, we have seen a good number of our fellow residents who have needed this kind of service and have had to be moved off campus to other facilities. We definitely see this kind of need continuing and even increasing as we move into the future. There is definitely a need for a comprehensive and holistic continuum of care on site for optimal health and wellness. We have a much-appreciated medical center with a full-time physician on site, but definitely need on-site skilled nursing services to provide the needed continuum of care. At present we have about 300 residents and have new residents move in every month. I cannot see how approving Monarch Landing's Certificate of Need will have any negative effect on any of the other locations in the area offering skilled nursing services.

Sincerely yours,

A. Leonard Tuggy