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George,

Attached please find a copy of letter in support of the Admiral at the Lake's CON application from Methodist Hospital.

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May 8, 2012

Dale Galassie  
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525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: The Admiral at the Lake

Dear Chair Galassie:

It is my understanding that the Admiral at the Lake is in the process of filing a CON application to eliminate the variance requirement that its skilled nursing home patients be limited to residents of its CCRC. The timing of this request could not be better as our hospital intends to file an application to discontinue its Long Term Care category of service which currently consists of 23 beds. If the variance on the Admiral's CON permit is eliminated, the Admiral will be an option for the admission of residents of the general community to receive skilled care in a new state of the art facility.

While the skilled component of our service can no longer be a focus for our facility, residents of the community will appreciate the opportunity to have another option for high quality skilled nursing services. Based upon the 2010 Long Term Care questionnaire data, average utilization of skilled nursing facilities within 30 minutes of the Admiral is 82%. Importantly, there has been virtually no development of skilled nursing facilities within the City of Chicago over the past thirty years. In fact, only three CONs have been approved for skilled nursing facilities during this time: the Clare at the Watertower, Mercy Circle, and the Admiral. All of these facilities are CCRC which, by law, are limited in their admissions. Certain other facilities in the community are inappropriate for treating elderly residents who are often frail and suffering multiple co-morbidities. Approval of the Admiral's CON application, which will remove the CCRC variance, will help to improve access to high quality skilled nursing to residents of Chicago.

Our facility has had an average daily census of 6.5 patients over the last two calendar years and many of these patients could be appropriate for admission at the Admiral at the Lake.

Sincerely,

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