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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ms. Avery:

RE: HFSRB Project Number **12-049**, Manor Court of Carbondale

As a citizen, business leader, and President of Southern Illinois University in Jackson County, I am writing to support the development of Manor Court of Carbondale, HFSRB Project 12-049, which requests the construction of a new 120-bed skilled nursing facility to be located on the East side of Carbondale.

This replacement project addresses the tenets of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act in that it creates a modern, up-to-date, skilled facility to replace the forty year old 178-bed Rehab and Care Center, which is the County facility in Jackson County.

I am aware that the Jackson County Board went through a very public and exhaustive process to evaluate the future of the Rehab and Care Center in Murphysboro. Proposals were solicited. The County Board asked that any proposals consider, at a minimum, the following elements:

- That any new facility address the architectural and operational performance requisite to sustain a modern, high-quality nursing home platform that will address the current and future needs of the County's nursing home population.
- The current residents of the County Home be offered placement.
- The staff of the County Home be offered employment in the new facility.
- That the new facility's operator have a reputation for quality operations and financial integrity.

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- That the replacement facility provide financial assistance to the County during the period of construction and transition to maintain its operations.

It is my understanding that Unlimited Development, Inc. ("UDI") was adjudged to have best responded to the elements set forth above. I have had conversations with various County Board members who were involved in this selection and approval process. I believe that the County's support of UDI's application is the best outcome to be derived from the County's process.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Poshard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn Poshard  
President