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FROM THE DESK OF
CONCERNED CITIZENS

Dear Review Board Members,

The members of the Jackson County Board were elected to represent and serve the citizens of Jackson County. The management and subsequent proposed sale of the Jackson County Rehab Center has been without forethought, prudence, proper due diligence and without the best interests and support of the county residents.

According to the Nursing Home Act, if there was a referendum to raise money to build a nursing home, a referendum is necessary to sell the facility. A referendum was initiated to support the operations of the nursing home. A referendum could have been employed to let the citizens decide if they wanted to support the facility. None was offered.

1. Murphysboro is a city steeped in small town community culture. None of the culture was taken into consideration in the sale of this facility. We are a diversified town, one of poor and middle class people, one of volunteers, one of many churches, one of many social clubs, one of a great community.
2. Carbondale is a transient community focused around SIU and does not need another nursing home facility.
3. This deal would put one of the nursing facilities out of business in Carbondale as they would not be able to compete with the cost structure of the new building as the beds were nearly given away as a fire-sale price.
4. The deal should be stopped because it is in danger of losing its 1 star rating, which means it could close. Other companies want to bid on the beds and keep the facility in Murphysboro.

FROM THE DESK OF
ELIZABETH ANN PURCELL
