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Stop the transfer of Jackson County Rehab CAre Center from Murphysboro to Carbondale.

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Monday, July 30, 2012

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Board Members
Public Health Facilities & Review Board
525 W. Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery and Board Members,

On Behalf of the residents, families and local community, enclosed you may find a petition protesting the transfer of the Certificate of Need from the Jackson County Rehab Care Center to RFMS.

There are several good reasons not to approve the transfer:

1. There will be a surplus of beds in Carbondale, Illinois and none in Murphysboro, Illinois; the applicant for permit dated 5/25/2012 (page 14) states there is available capacity in other existing facilities in the planning area. The application contains no written correspondence of the other long term care facilities within the immediate Carbondale area.
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5. With the over-bedding capacity in Carbondale, Ill, and a major community hospital, staffing a new facility will be difficult.
6. The RFMS plans are “inappropriate, inefficient, and ineffective alternatives” to replacing management or selling Jackson Rehab Care Center outright.
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Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this petition and letter. Enclosed are signed petitions representing a public outcry against the transfer from a cross section of residents, families, Rehab staff, Murphysboro City Council Members, businesses and churches. There will be additional petitions to follow.

Respectfully yours,

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