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George,

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Attached please find six additional letters of support for the St. Paul's Modernization project (13-003). These are not form letters – they are individualized and personalized letters from family members, community supporters, and even a current resident. These letters reflect the exceptional and dedicated care being provided, but acknowledge the challenges presented by the aging structure. The letters included are from:

- Pastor David Krueger who has past and present members of his family at St. Paul's and visits 2-3 times per week caring for members of their congregation;
- Joseph Hubbard whose brother resided at St. Paul's until his passing;
- Brian Warner whose mother is a current resident at the facility;
- Rusty and Sandy Wagner, both of whom had parents who did (and do) reside at St. Paul's;
- Dr. and Mrs. John Scott whose cousin resides at St. Paul's and who act as her Power of Attorney; and
- Joanne Ferrante, former Director of Economic Development of the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, who is also a current resident at St. Paul's.

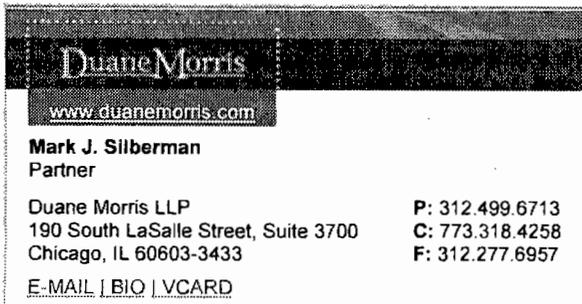
Should there be any additional information needed, do not hesitate to let us know. We appreciate all of the efforts of Board Staff in processing this application and look forward to our opportunity to appear before the Board to address any questions regarding this wonderful project.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Silberman

P.S. I have noted that when we email submissions such as this and then also mail a hard copy, the documents appear twice in the application. Since avoiding 'unnecessary duplication' is a fundamental tenet of the Board, would it be acceptable to utilize this email as our formal submission? Let me know.

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February 12, 2013

Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

My name is David Krueger I am both a pastor and family member of past and present residents of St. Paul's Nursing Home in Belleville, IL.

When family members come to me with the difficult decision of placing a loved one in a Nursing Home/ Care community my first response is to recommend St. Paul's in Belleville. I assure them that St. Paul's may not be the most modern or most beautiful but the care is far and above any other nursing home that I visit. I know that it is a hard decision but I believe that it is a decision that has to be made, both for the sake of the caregivers and the aging parents. To date I have 6 from our congregation who have residents living at St. Paul's and I have not heard of any complains. My wife and I are at St. Paul's on the average of 2 to 3 times a week and I can honestly say the care and loving atmosphere at St. Paul's is comforting for me as a Pastor and as a family member.

I understand that St. Paul's is undertaking a construction project to modernize the community. I strongly support their effort to further enhance the quality of care they deliver and the environment in which they care for their residents. As a Pastor and resident of the Belleville area and with the increasing number of baby boomers facing the issues of health care for aging parents, I pray that you approve their request. I have seen firsthand the compassion and love shown to the residents at St. Paul's from a staff that is rich in faith and strong in service.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my support for the modernization of the community and urge you to approve this project.

Peace,

Pastor David Krueger

Pastor David Krueger, Concordia UCC, Belleville

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Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

My name is Joseph Hubbard. My brother, Charles Hubbard, resided at St. Paul's Home in Belleville, Illinois until his death in August 2012.

It was not an easy decision to move my brother into a nursing home. I did not know if he would be taken care of as well as he was taken care of at home. I chose St. Paul's Home on recommendations from friends. The staff treated us like family. My brother's last months here on earth were good by being at St. Paul's Home.

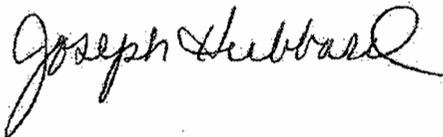
I have been made aware of a construction project St. Paul will undertake to modernize the Home. As the brother of a former resident there I support this effort. This can only enhance the environment and care of the residents, and that is always a good thing.

As a member of Belleville I also support their efforts to remain a vital, modernized Home and health delivery option in St. Clair County.

I am so thankful to St. Paul's Home. I am forever in their debt for the care they provided my brother and support their faith based, not-for-profit mission.

I thank you for this opportunity to provide my support for this project and urge you to approve their project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Hubbard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Joseph Hubbard".

Brian Warner
Belleville, Illinois
February 20, 2013

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Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

My name is Brian Warner. My mother, Barbara Warner, is a resident at St. Paul's Home in Belleville Illinois. About five years ago my mother decided to leave Kansas to be closer to me. We selected a nice apartment in the independent living building at St. Paul's Home. About six months after moving my mother broke her hip and moved to the skilled nursing section of St. Paul's Home.

Deciding to stay in the nursing home was difficult because the age of the building and the limited space was not attractive to my family from out of town. They had a difficult time accepting my choice until they spent some time in the building and saw how wonderfully the staff cares for my mother.

I understand that St. Paul's Home is requesting approval to replace the old building. I believe that this is greatly needed and I hope that you will rule favorably on their request. We have had excellent care at St. Paul's Home, but the building is extremely outdated. The caring staff treats us like family, with compassion, dignity, and understanding.

As a member of the Belleville community I also support their efforts to remain a vital, modernized part of the community and health delivery options in St. Clair County. Their mission has been a respected part of the community and I hope that their services will continue for many years, but believe that a new building is needed.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my support for the modernization of the community and urge you to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Warner

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Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

We are Rusty and Sandy Wagner. Rusty is the son of Wayne Wagner, who currently resides at St. Paul's Home in Belleville, Illinois. Sandy is the daughter of Beulah Komeshak who formerly resided at St. Paul's.

When it was time for us to make the decision to place our parents in a skilled care facility, St. Paul's Home was our immediate choice. The home has been associated with our church for over 85 years and we knew of the fine reputation that St. Paul's has. The residents are treated with kindness, dignity, caring and love. Our parents have experienced those very things and we are blessed to know that they are/were very well cared for.

The physical structure, however, is showing its age. This makes the expected quality care of the residents a challenge. It's time to build a new facility with a new concept of resident care – just like home, not an institution.

As owners of a 100 year old business in Belleville, we totally support the decision by the St. Paul's Home, to remain in the heart of Belleville, thereby continuing to stabilize and grow that neighborhood community. We are also in support of the faith based, not-for-profit mission of St. Paul's Home, rare in today's skilled care facility options.

In light of the above, we urge you to approve this building project.

Sincerely,

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

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Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

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Our names are, John and Candy Scott. We are second cousins to Margaret Lee Gray who currently resides in the St. Paul's Nursing Home.. My husband is her health care POA.

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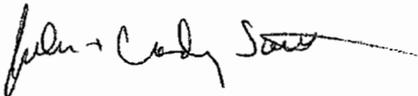
She and her late husband were in different levels of care at the nursing home the last few years. We have had a good working relationship with St. Paul's Home and communicate well. Due to our distance away, we are not able to visit as often as we would like but know she is being treated well and again, we keep up good communication with different staff members of the home.

We understand St. Paul's is undertaking a construction project to modernize the community. As the closest relative responsible for Margaret Lee we support this effort to further enhance the quality of care they deliver and the environment in which they care for their residents.

As Illinois residents we support their efforts to remain a vital, modernized part of the community and health delivery option in St. Clair County.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide our support for the modernization of the community and urge your to approve this project.

Sincerely,



Dr. and Mrs. John (Candy) Scott
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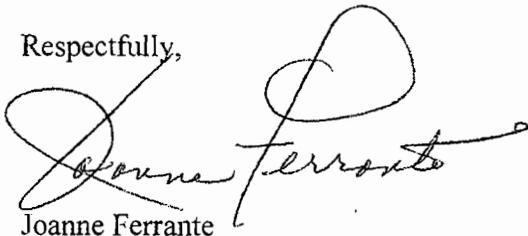
My name is Joanne Ferrante and I'm a resident of St. Paul's Home in Belleville, IL. I've lived at St. Paul's for two-plus years.

I'm grateful everyday that I made the decision to move to St. Paul's Home from Cambridge House. I've had such a wonderful experience. The staff treats me with understanding and compassion. I'm so happy to be part of the St. Paul's family and as a Catholic, I fully support their faith based, not for profit mission. The caring staff reflect this daily by treating all of us with dignity and the utmost respect.

As a former Director of Economic Development for the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, I have a vested interest in any construction project that will enhance the community and the surrounding region. I support St. Paul's construction project because it will further improve the quality of care for our residents and because of the continued economic stability it will have on Belleville, St. Clair County and the St. Louis region as a whole.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my support of St. Paul's project and urge you to grant them your approval – for residents like myself and future seniors who deserve the same quality of care I have received in a state-of-the-art, modern facility.

Respectfully,



Joanne Ferrante