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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

Members of City Council & Zoning Board of Appeals
115 E. Washington St.
P.O. Box 3157
Bloomington, IL 61702-3157

Re: Luther Oaks -- Planned Skilled Nursing Facility

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in full support of the planned skilled nursing facility at Luther Oaks in Bloomington. The new nursing facility would be especially appropriate since it would complete the continuum of care available at the Luther Oaks complex. The location would also be great since there are only two small facilities in Bloomington South of "Route 9", as it winds its way through town. The location would be especially convenient for families in Southwest McLean County.

Ideally, in coming years there will be several options in Bloomington-Normal that would offer the full continuum of care from independent or semi-independent apartments to full nursing home facilities. When I look towards placement of wards that I assist (or that my clients assist) my first option is a facility that offers a continuum of care, if financially available.

The need for "planned nursing facilities", in Bloomington and around the state, will continue to increase over the next several decades. At the present time it is occasionally difficult to find a room for elderly persons. It is also my impression that adding another high-quality facility in Bloomington will continue to raise the bar for care standards in the community.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel G. Deneen
Public Guardian of McLean County

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*Public Administrator and Public Guardian
of McLean County, Illinois*