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*Kathryn J. Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761*

Dear Chairwoman Olson,

I would like to offer this letter of support for the planned 18 bed skilled nursing facility at Luther Oaks in Bloomington. The new skilled nursing facility will be used by Luther Oaks only to provide care for its existing residents and will not accept referrals from the outside community.

Luther Oaks has a history of providing quality and compassionate care in its assisted living facility and I am excited about Luther Oaks expanding its range of care to include skilled nursing.

Luther Oaks' employees are a vital part of the local business community. The new skilled nursing facility will bring more jobs to the Bloomington-Normal area and will assure the continued economic viability of Luther Oaks.

A skilled nursing facility with all private rooms and private bathrooms is an asset to the residents served by Luther Oaks. Completion of the skilled nursing facility allows existing Luther Oaks residents and the Bloomington-Normal community a full continuum of care.

Sincerely,

*Hester + Barbara Darden
Bloomington, Ill.*