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Chairman Dale Galassie
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Chairman Galassie,

I am writing to urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Board to approve the Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add 16 needed beds to their skilled bed complement.

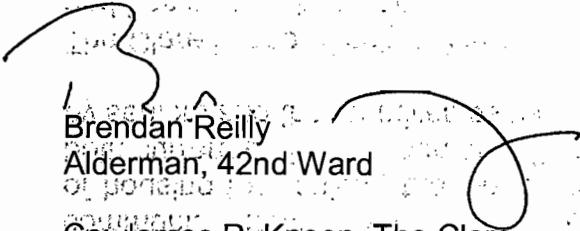
The Clare is an important and vital healthcare provider, local business, employer and community member. As a Continuing Care Retirement Community providing a full array of housing for seniors, the Clare needs these additional skilled beds in order to meet both current and future demand. It will also help enable the continuity of care so desired by seniors and their families as the senior ages.

The Clare is one of only a few retirement communities in the downtown/Near North area and has a Five Star rating from Medicare as an exceptional facility providing high quality care. Approval of these beds will expand the number of beds available for seniors, assuring them quality care at the highest of levels.

Further, I understand that local hospitals seek out the Clare as an excellent and sought after skilled nursing facility, yet due to the limited number of beds available often have to refer their patients to other facilities.

I also understand that these beds will be come from the Clare's assisted living total and that no significant renovation costs will be incurred to convert the physical space to skilled care. It is encouraging in this day of high health costs that such a responsible approach is being taken.

Sincerely,


Brendan Reilly
Alderman, 42nd Ward

Cc: James R. Kneen, The Clare