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August 29, 2013

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Enclosed for the Review Board's consideration are letters of support for the Terraces at the Clare project, Project Number 13-019.

Please include these as part of the Clare's application.

Thank you.

James R. Kneen,
Executive Director

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson

8-27-13

Illinois Health Facilities & Services Board

525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: The Terraces at the Clare Project # 13-019

Dear Chairperson Olson,

I have been a resident at the Clare for over 4 yrs. I support this application!

A main reason I came to live here was the services being offered even before it was built. Currently, there are 32 beds on the Skilled Nursing Unit - almost fully occupied at all times. Additional rooms would serve well both the residents of Clare & referred seniors. In short, there is a need in this part of Chicago for seniors that wish to live their old age in the City.

Please approve the COW for additional 16 skilled nursing beds.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Alexander Muter, MD (emeritus NWU)

The Clare

55 E. Pearson Str.

Unit 4305

Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: The Terraces at the Clare Project Number 13-019

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It is very important to those of us who live here that we are able to receive these services in our own community where we have friends and people we already know helping us. Having these additional beds will provide greater assurance to us that the health care needs of all the residents at The Clare will be met.

Please approve the CON for the additional 16 skilled nursing beds. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy L. Diemio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joanne M Celewycz, P.T., M.P.A
55 E Pearson Street
Unit 5002
Chicago IL 6011-2638
jandbc2@juno.com

August 28, 2013

Kathryn J. Olson, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

As a resident of The Clare, a CCRC in Chicago, I am writing you this letter in support of The Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add 16 skilled nursing beds.

As a retired physical therapist, and as a volunteer visitor to the patients who are receiving skilled care in our facility, I am familiar with the high level care that is provided by The Clare. There is currently a high utilization of bed space and I am concerned about the availability of future bed space.

One of the reasons my husband and I moved into The Clare was the fact that skilled nursing in the same building would be available to us if needed and that we would be in our own community with friends and staff that know us.

Growing needs from our residents as well as those referred by outside agencies is certain to increase in the future. For my own sake, that of my husband and for those residents currently and in the process of moving into The Clare, I am interested in seeing that sufficient beds are available in the future.

Yours Truly,



Joanne Celewycz, P.T., M.P.A.

Gertrude Mack
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2206
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gertrude Mack". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Ms. Ethel Smason
55 East Pearson St. Unit 4403
Chicago, IL 60611

August 29, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

I place my support behind The Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add sixteen (16) skilled nursing beds making a total of forty-eight (48) beds.

The Clare is an excellent organization providing a high level of care as evidenced by its Five Star rating from Medicare. As the only Continuing Care Retirement Community in Chicago's Near North area, adding more beds to a high quality provider like The Clare is vital. These additional beds will help ensure that Seniors have an expanded access to a high level of care since the utilization of the current beds is often at or near capacity. Adding these beds is necessary with our increasing census.

The Clare needs these additional skilled beds in order to meet the growing needs and numbers of our Seniors. It will also help ensure that Seniors are able to remain at The Clare as they require additional services. A shortage of available beds would be very upsetting to Seniors and their families.

Thank you for your consideration. I strongly encourage the Board to approve The Clare's request.

Best Wishes,

Ethel Revones Smason

Lois Schmidt
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2806
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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Please approve the CON for the additional 16 skilled nursing beds. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois Schmidt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Leon Diamond
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4207
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

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.

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The Clare is the only CCRC 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,

Leon Diamond M.D.

August 26, 2013

Ms. LaDonna Whitmer
55 East Pearson St. Unit 3001
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

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

Dolores Maheras
55 E Pearson St., #2602
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Chairperson Olson,

I am a resident at The Clare in Chicago and I am writing you in support of the application for additional beds in the Skilled Nursing Unit on The Terraces.

I initially came to The Terraces two years ago as a rehabilitation resident from Northwestern Memorial Hospital upon doctor's recommendations. I loved the care and concern that I received from the staff members so much that after my discharge, I sold my home and decided to move to The Clare permanently in the Independent Living side.

A primary reason I chose to move to this community was the comfort I felt knowing that I can receive nursing services at The Terraces if the need arises. There are currently 32 beds on the Skilled Nursing unit, and most of the time the unit is fully occupied. Having additional rooms not only gives me greater peace of mind that there will be space if I need these services, but also allows The Clare to meet the needs of many in this local area needing rehabilitative services.

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Sincerely,



Dolores Maheras

August 26, 2013

Ms. Doris Harris
55 East Pearson St. Unit 2506
Chicago, IL 60611

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Sincerely,

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

Elizabeth M. Grady
The Clare
55 East Pearson #3807
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

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 (CCRC) 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 the only CCRC 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, 

August 26, 2013

Linda Alexander
The Clare
55 East Pearson #3302
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: The Terraces at the Clare Project Number 13-019

Dear Chairperson Olson,

Greetings!

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Sincerely,

Linda Alexander

Janet McDermott
The Clare
55 East Pearson #3106
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

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Sincerely,



August 26, 2013

Dr. E. Dennis Lyne, MD
55 East Pearson St. Unit 4104
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Sincerely,


Mr. & Mrs. John Turner
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4801
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,




August 26, 2013

Ms. Dorothy Evans Lyne, RN
55 East Pearson St. Unit 4104
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Evans Lyne RN". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Marilyn Moltz
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2900
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

I would like to offer my support for The Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add sixteen (16) skilled nursing beds to the current total of thirty-two (32).

The Clare is an excellent organization and provides a high level of care as evidenced by their Five Star rating from Medicare. Further, as the only Continuing Care Retirement Community in the downtown/Near North area of Chicago, adding more beds to a high quality provider like the Clare is important. I believe the beds will help ensure that senior citizens have an expanded access to a high level of care. I understand that the utilization of the current beds is often at or near capacity and with the increasing number of seniors adding these beds will be needed.

As a Continuing Care Retirement Community providing all levels of housing and care for seniors, the Clare needs these additional skilled beds in order to meet the growing needs and numbers of our senior citizens. It will also help ensure that seniors can stay at the Clare as they need additional services. Having to move because there is not a bed available would be very upsetting to the senior and their family members.

Thank you for your time and I strongly encourage the Board to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn Moltz".

Marilyn Perno
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2505
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn Perno". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Genevieve Buck
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4202
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genevieve S. Buck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

August 26, 2013

Ms. Mary Fran Burke
55 East Pearson St. Unit 3103
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

I am writing to encourage you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Board to approve the Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add sixteen (16) beds to their skilled bed totals.

This is an important project and I feel the added beds are necessary to ensure seniors greater access to a high level of care, often at most difficult time of their life. The Clare is the only retirement community in the downtown/Near North area of Chicago and has been awarded a Five Star rating from Medicare as a high quality facility providing exceptional care. Adding these beds will increase the number of beds available for seniors and thus expanding access to care at the highest of levels.

Having spoken with people at the Clare, I am told that these beds are very important for the future and will be converted from beds in their assisted living area. Even more encouraging is that there is not going to be much cost incurred to convert the physical space to skilled care.

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Thank you for your time and I urge you to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

 Mary Fran Burke

Paul Kleihege
The Clare
55 East Pearson #5004
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Sincerely,

Paul Kleihege

Sharron Kleihege
The Clare
55 East Pearson #5004
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

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Sincerely,

Sharron Kleihege

August 26, 2013

Yvette Sadovsky
55 East Pearson St. Unit 3803
Chicago, IL 60611

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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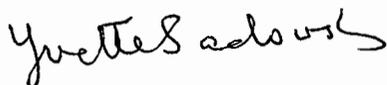
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvette Sadovsky".

August 26, 2013

Jan Hudson
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2301
Chicago, IL 60611

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Sincerely,

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Dr. Chuck Magill
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4605
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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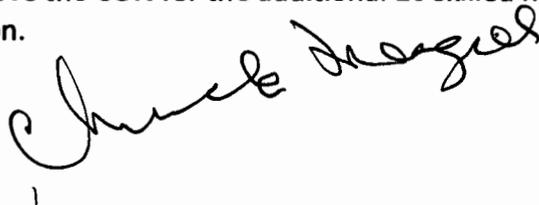
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August 26, 2013

Nan Magill
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4605
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

I am writing to encourage you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Board to approve the Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add sixteen (16) beds to their skilled bed totals.

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Having spoken with people at the Clare, I am told that these beds are very important for the future and will be converted from beds in their assisted living area. Even more encouraging is that there is not going to be much cost incurred to convert the physical space to skilled care.

As a Continuing Care Retirement Community providing all levels of housing and care for seniors, the Clare needs these additional skilled beds in order to meet the growing needs and numbers of our senior citizens. It will also help ensure that seniors can stay at the Clare as they need additional services. Having to move because there is not a bed available would be very upsetting to the senior and their family members.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,



August 26, 2013

Ms. Shirley Jackson
55 East Pearson St. Unit 3204
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

55 East Pearson Street
Apartment 2500
Chicago, IL 60611
August 27, 2013

Kathryn J. Olson, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

As an independent living resident of The Clare, I wish to support its request for a Certificate of Need to convert 16 assisted living beds to skilled nursing beds.

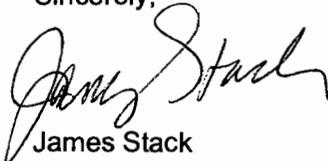
The Clare has operated as a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Chicago's Near North Side since December 2008. I have been a resident of the community for the entire time and I can attest to its commitment to quality care. This commitment is evidenced by its consistent five star Medicare rating. It has also been recognized by local hospitals which have referred their patients to The Clare for skilled nursing and rehabilitative services.

I understand that The Clare's current 32 bed facility operates at nearly 100% capacity. With an increasing number of hospital referrals and a growing number of independent living residents, the need for additional skilled nursing beds becomes more acute. The additional beds will help assure quality services for seniors at The Clare and from the community.

Finally, the cost of providing these additional beds will be kept to a minimum because they will be converted from an existing facility.

I hope you will approve The Clare's Certificate of Need request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James Stack

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Mrs. Lita Porter
Apt 4507
The Clare
55 E Pearson
Chicago, IL 60611

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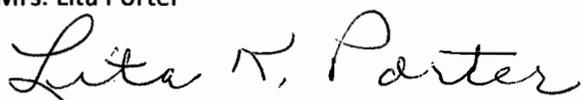
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Thank you for your time and I urge you to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lita Porter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lita Porter".

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Mr. Ralph Porter
Apt 4507
The Clare
55 E Pearson
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Chairperson Olson,

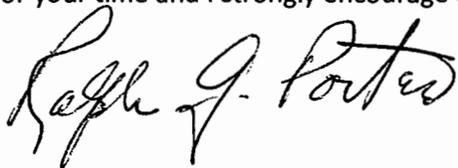
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Thank you for your time and I strongly encourage the Board to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph G. Porter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Mr. Ralph Porter

August 26, 2013

Sharon Hart
The Clare
55 East Pearson #5200
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

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August 26, 2013

Ms. Mae Rhodes
55 East Pearson St. Unit 4606
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

Mae Sooboda Rhodes

Marna Shapiro
The Clare, Apartment #2605
55 East Pearson
Chicago, IL 60605

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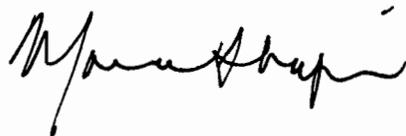
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I was very grateful that when I recently needed nursing care after surgery I could receive skilled nursing care right in this community and in the same building. There are currently 32 beds on the Skilled Nursing unit, and most of the time the unit is fully occupied. Having additional rooms not only gives me greater peace of mind that there will be space if I need these services, but also allows The Clare to meet the needs of many in this local area needing rehabilitative services.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marna Shapiro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small horizontal line above the final part of the name.

August 26, 2013

Barbara Greenwood
The Clare
55 East Pearson #3606
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Thank you for your time and I urge you to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Greenwood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

August 26, 2013

Joyce Saxon
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2403
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

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Sheila G. Rock
55 East Pearson Street
Apt 3205
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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The Clare needs these additional skilled beds in order to meet the needs of the residents and the senior population in this community. It will ensure that seniors can remain at the Clare as they need additional services. Having to move because there is not a bed available would be very upsetting to the residents and their families.

Thank you for your time. I strongly encourage the Board to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,



Sheila G. Rock

55 E Pearson St #4305
Chicago IL 60611
August 28, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson St, Second Floor
Springfield IL 62761

RE: The Terraces at The Clare Project #13-019

Dear Chairperson Olson,

As a resident of The Clare I want to support the application for additional Skilled Nursing beds in the Terraces.

My husband and I have lived here for over four years and are aware that the Nursing Unit is often fully occupied. Since we anticipate that we ultimately will need these services, the additional rooms appear necessary for our peace of mind and that of other residents of The Clare. At the same time, the need of our local community for rehabilitative services can also be met.

Residents here expect that their health care needs will be provided in our own familiar community where staff are well known to us and our friends are nearby. Expansion of the Skilled Nursing beds will provide assurance that such needs will indeed be met. I urge the approval of this Project.

Sincerely,



Margaret E O'Flynn MD (Margaret E Muster)
Professor Emerita, Feinberg School of Medicine,
Northwestern University Evanston IL

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
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Sincerely,

Rita Bakewell

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Kathryn J. Olson

Chairperson

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Olson,

As a resident of The Clare, a retirement facility in Chicago, I support the application for additional beds in their Skilled Nursing Unit.

My choice of The Clare for my place of retirement as a single person was the fact that The Clare offered a continuum of medical facilities if the need should arise in my future.

It is important those of us who currently live at The Clare that we will be assured of Skilled Nursing care if the need should arise in this senior care facility.



Catherine Keebler

A resident of The Clare since it opened in December of 2008

8/37/2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Sincerely,

Sally Kinnamon
55 E. Pearson #3806
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Sincerely,

Ron Kinnaman

55 E. Pearson #3806

CHICAGO, IL 60611

Ron Kinnaman

August 26, 2012

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

Re: The Terraces at the Clare Project Number 13-019

Dear Chairperson Olson,

As a resident at The Clare in Chicago, I wanted to let you know that I am in support of the application for additional beds in the Skilled Nursing Unit on The Terraces.

I chose to come to The Clare based, in part, on the very positive experience I had with the skilled nursing floor when my husband was cared for there on two separate occasions in 2010 and in 2011.

The nursing care was excellent as you might expect in a first rate facility, but the personal interaction between our family and the staff (including the aids) was extraordinary. That is if you think warm hugs upon discharge and an aid's recognizing me and inquiring as to the health of my husband two years after he'd been a patient and a year after his death, extraordinary—as I do.

When and if I need skilled nursing, I want to be able to receive the kind of care my husband enjoyed—here at The Clare. Having these additional beds will provide greater assurance to me that my health care needs as well as those of all the residents at The Clare will be met.

Please approve the CON for the additional 16 skilled nursing beds. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

DORIS COBB COUSINS

55 E. Pearson Street

Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: The Terraces at The Clare Project Number 13-019

Dear Chairperson Olson,

When my husband and I moved into The Clare in February, 2009, we were the tenth family to occupy the building. As octogenarians, we had chosen a CCRC because we wanted the assurance that, no matter our health circumstances, we would be cared for "in house". After two years, it became clear that had been a wise decision.

Bob's health deteriorated to the point where he'd spend much time in the hospital, but then could come back to the skilled care unit right here at home. That care, and the twice-a-day rehabilitation service made it possible for him to repeatedly return to our independent living unit.

In 2012, the continuum repeated itself – once even requiring five weeks in skilled care. It was always such a relief to know that the bed would be waiting for him when needed. As the Parkinson's Disease finally overwhelmed him, the entire staff supported us until the time of his death in September.

Now, the reality is that The Clare community is growing in numbers – *and age*. The need for the additional sixteen skilled care beds is obvious if everyone is to be given the same reassurance we've had from the beginning, and for which we are eternally grateful. Approval of the CON will make it possible for my neighbors to be confident that they will be able to stay at home as they heal.

Thanks to you and the Review Board for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



Doris Cobb Cousins
Unit 5205

Tom Daly
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4304
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

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 (CCRC) 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 the only CCRC 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Daly", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joanne Daly
The Clare
55 East Pearson #4304
Chicago, IL 60611

August 26, 2013

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Thank you for your time and I strongly encourage the Board to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne R. Daly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

August 26, 2013

Cleo Maragos
The Clare
55 East Pearson #2707
Chicago, IL 60611

Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairperson Olson,

I am writing to encourage you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Board to approve the Clare's application for a Certificate of Need to add sixteen (16) beds to their skilled bed totals.

This is an important project and I feel the added beds are necessary to ensure seniors greater access to a high level of care, often at most difficult time of their life. The Clare is the only retirement community in the downtown/Near North area of Chicago and has been awarded a Five Star rating from Medicare as a high quality facility providing exceptional care. Adding these beds will increase the number of beds available for seniors and thus expanding access to care at the highest of levels.

Having spoken with people at the Clare, I am told that these beds are very important for the future and will be converted from beds in their assisted living area. Even more encouraging is that there is not going to be much cost incurred to convert the physical space to skilled care.

As a Continuing Care Retirement Community providing all levels of housing and care for seniors, the Clare needs these additional skilled beds in order to meet the growing needs and numbers of our senior citizens. It will also help ensure that seniors can stay at the Clare as they need additional services. Having to move because there is not a bed available would be very upsetting to the senior and their family members.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to approve the Clare's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cleo Maragos". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.