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Chairperson Kathryn J. Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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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 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 quality level of care. I understand that the utilization of the current beds is often at or near capacity and with the increasing number of senior 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 they need additional services. Having to move because there is not a bed available would be very upsetting to their family members.

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

Sincerely,



Marilyn Cohen