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Attn: Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: 13-048, AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 14716 S. Eastern Avenue Plainfield, IL 60544. We recently became aware of the intent of the subject applicant to build a new transitional care facility in Lockport.

Lakewood is a 131 bed skilled facility that has been providing short term and long term services to the surrounding communities Plainfield, Bolingbrook and the greater Joliet area for over 40 years. Significant financial investment has been made over the last few years to enable us to better serve our clientele.

Some of these services we provide include: orthopedic rehabilitation, congestive heart failure program, peritoneal dialysis, IV management, transitional palliative care, wound care, respiratory care and tracheotomy care, fall prevention programs and cognitive retraining for residents with dementia.

The facility boasts a number of specialized physicians, such as Gerontologists, Physiatriests, Wound Care, Psychologist, Psychiatrist and a Nurse Practitioner on site daily who oversee resident care and programming.

The prospect of an additional skilled nursing facility entering the market is of great concern; the introduction of the proposed facility in an area that presently has adequate beds would create a potential hardship for all current facilities in the area including us.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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