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January 2, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Bd.
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: AegeanMed Transitional Care of Lockport, Project No. 13-048

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a Doctor of Chiropractic. I have practiced in Lockport, IL since 1990. I am also an Alderman for the City of Lockport. My wife is an LPN. For the past 15 years she has been a nurse at Our Lady of Angels in Joliet, IL.

Lockport doesn't have a skilled nursing or skilled rehab center. Lockport does not have a nursing home facility. There have been times over the past 24 years that patients of mine have needed in patient type of rehabilitation. I have always had to send them to the surrounding communities to get this type of care.

I have met Dr. Peter Roumeliotis on a couple of occasions as he has presented his plan for his Aegean Skilled Nursing facility that is to be located in Lockport before the City Council. I am impressed with him and the fine facility he wishes to bring to Lockport.

I give my full support for this facility.

The skilled nursing facility won't just serve Lockport and the surrounding communities. This facility is centrally located just off of I-355. This allows all of Will County and Northeastern Illinois easy access to Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, Adventist Medical Center in Bolingbrook and Provena St. Joseph Medical in Joliet. All three of these facilities are less than 15 minutes away via I-355, I-80 and I-55.

I ask that the Health Facilities Review Board grant Dr. Roumeliotis a "Certificate of Need" for the Aegean Medical Skilled Nursing Facility.

Sincerely,


Darren A. Deskin, DC