

October 9, 2013

Mike Constantino

Project Review Section

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Springfield, Illinois, 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Dear Mr. Constantino,

RE: Opposed to Project 13-058

Opposed to closing the Murray Developmental Center!

Please DO NOT close the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center in Centralia, Illinois. It has been the home of my brother, Jim, for 48 years. Jim is now 57 years old. This is the best center in the entire state when it comes to providing care for the severely disabled citizens of Illinois. Our family knows because we have spent a great deal of time at the Murray Center. The caring staff has saved my brother's life on at least three occasions. The facility itself is wonderful. With its working pool, beautiful gardens, open campus, and sparkling clean buildings it has been a safe, clean home for our brother Jim. What a relief not to have worried about Jim's care these past years. Our state needs to provide these services for the families in south central Illinois. The loss of the Murray Center will present incredible hardships to our family and to many others. At the present time our family lives 2 hours from the Murray Center and we are able to visit Jim and attend important meetings regarding his care and therapy services. Jim's IEP's have documented for years his need for a high level of care like that provided at Murray Center. He is not a candidate for a group home placement. He has no language, is low-functioning, is bi-polar, has behavior issues, and is a choking risk. Closure of this facility will have a tremendously negative impact on Jim. In fact, the family worries that it might kill him to leave the only home he has known for 48 years because he suffers tremendous anxiety with even small changes. The community of Centralia has always been 100% supportive of the Murray Center. Many residents work at the facility and its closure would devastate not only this community but many of the smaller surrounding communities. These hardworking, caring, tax paying citizens do not deserve to have their jobs taken away, especially when they have done such exemplary work. You will not be able to duplicate the quality of this work force anywhere else in the state.

Our family urges you to use common sense, intelligence, fairness, and decency and deny the DHS application for project 13-058.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Amanda Bell

4016 Riverknoll Drive

Champaign, Illinois, 61822

Patricia K. Hinton

2596 Lakeside Drive, Centralia, IL. 62801

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Sincerely,  
  
Patricia K Hinton

Mike Constantino, Supervisor Project Review Section,

I will state up front that I am opposed to the closing of Murray Center known as Project 13-058.

I am the guardian of Leilani Boyd. Leilani is 70 years old woman with an IQ of 05. She is an infant in the body of an adult. She is non-ambulatory. She has been unable to reach a goal of propelling her wheel chair 6 feet. Due to attempting to eat inedible objects and rectal digging she requires checking every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, for her own safe being. As all infants need, she requires assistance in all aspects of her life from feeding to diaper changing.

Leilani was at Howe Center in Tinley Park where she was abused. The police investigated to find how a person who cannot walk had a broken leg and why she had bruises. Nothing was proven. Her transfer to Murray Center was and has continued to be a blessing. Closing Murray Center is a bad idea.

I cannot imagine the challenge that Murray Center faces with patients such as her. They attend to her needs, as well as other patients, and their medical requirements. Challenge is an understatement. With the excellent care that she and others are receiving, I can't imagine the devastating effect of relocating Leilani and others to a home or another facility.

I am asking, actually pleading, that you keep Murray Center open. I am not only her guardian, I am her brother. I am concerned about her care.

Raymond Boyd

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

Christie Cistola  
324 Linden Ave  
Centralia, IL 62801

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Christie Cistola  
314-560-1803



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Centralia, IL 62801  
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Fax: (618) 532-5400  
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Friday, October 4, 2013

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For these families in south central Illinois, the loss of Murray Center will present incredible hardships. It has been stated that the job loss alone would be comparable to the loss of over 100,000 jobs in Cook County, which I am sure would get the "needed attention"

**I urge you to deny the DHS application for project 13-058.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olen 'Butch' Border, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Olen "Butch" Border, Jr.**  
Town Clerk

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Michael J. Young  
*Supervisor*

Melinda S. Redmond  
*Assessor*

William B. Schwartz  
*Highway Commissioner*



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Sincerely,

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Linda Dabney, Clinic Director  
Pregnancy Care Clinic  
113 S. Lincoln Blvd.  
Centralia, IL 62801

October 5, 2013

Mike Constantino, Supervisor

Project Review Board

Dear Sir,

We must protest the closing of Murray Center! Our citizens who have called this place "HOME" for many years (most of their lives), have received the proper care they need.

It is most unjust to uproot these people. The savings the Governor thinks, does not justify the trauma he will be putting these residents thru.

It seems Springfield (Chicago) does not care about the rights of disabled citizens in southern Illinois or the taxpayers, also the louse of many vendor jobs that support our community.

It is not the taxpayer's fault that this state has gotten themselves into a bind nor the residents of Murray Center! We should not have to suffer for this inept decision, by our Governor .I strongly disagree with the closing of Murray Center!

Sincerely,

Clayton Gibson Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Gibson Jr.", written in a cursive style.

To Mike Constantino;

10-8-13

I am the Mayor of the Village of Kill  
located 10 miles east of Centerville St.  
I deeply oppose the closing of Murray Center.  
We have families in our Village who  
have family residents at Murray Center,  
and residents who are employed at  
Murray Center. Closing Murray Center would  
be devastating to the families of the  
residents and a hardship on the  
employees & their families.

Thank You  
Mayor, James Sherwin  
Kill, St.

# Moran Queen~Boggs Funeral Home, LLC.

134 South Elm Street  
Centralia, Illinois 62801  
(618) 532-7321 (Office)

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Sincerely,

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Hugh R. Moran      Leslie M. Moran

Moran Queen~Boggs Funeral Home, LLC.

Joe Stonecipher  
324 Linden Ave  
Centralia, IL 62801

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Sincerely,



Joe Stonecipher  
618-532-9235

Nadine Stonecipher  
324 Linden Ave  
Centralia, IL 62801

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618-532-9235

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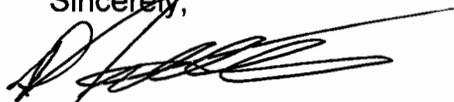
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David Justice  
420 Marquis Ave  
Centralia, IL 62801  
618-322-8244

***United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Peace***

*303 N. Mulberry Street*

*Steeleville, IL 62288*

*The Rev. S. Blake Duncan, Pastor*

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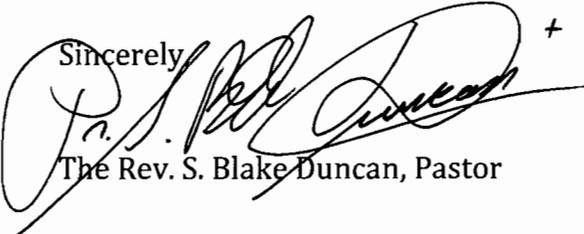
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Dear Mr. Constantino,

I am writing to add my voice to those who oppose Closure Project #13-058, and who stand against closure of the Murray Center in Centralia, IL. I have been following the developments in this case and it is clear that closing Murray will have a very adverse effect on current Murray residents. Many of these residents have been at this facility for many years and the familiarity with the facility and the routine is very important to these residents. But even more important than that is that there is simply no facility in the state of Illinois that can provide the kind of care that these residents require.

I therefore, strongly urge the board to DENY and vote down Closure Project #13-058. Please keep Murray Center open. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



The Rev. S. Blake Duncan, Pastor

10-9-13

Dear Mr. Constantino and the Human Services Review Board,

I am writing to OPPOSE the Closure of Murray Center in Centealia. I am urging you to turn the application project down.

Many of Murray Residents will not be suitable for Community homes. I strongly believe that many will DIE! I am against this project and against the Closure of Murray Center.

Clearly, my feelings OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF MURRAY CENTER!

Please help the residents of Murray keep their home and remain close to their families. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely  
Connie Beard

2177 County Road 490E  
Lexia, IL 62899

**WAYNE & PHYLLIS DANIEL**

**1604 HILLCREST AV**

**CARMI, IL 62821**

October 8, 2013

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Sincerely,

Wayne & Phyllis Daniel

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*The Greater Centralia*  
ILLINOIS  
Chamber of Commerce  
& Tourism Office

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10/8/2013

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Re: Opposed To Project 13-058; Opposed To Closing Murray Center

The board of directors of the Greater Centralia Chamber of Commerce is **opposed to the closure of the Murray Developmental Center** in Centralia Illinois.

Murray Center residents receive the highest quality care possible by skilled professionals which is necessary to meet the residents many physical and mental challenges. As a result of the care they receive the residents are enjoying the highest quality of life which they can only receive at this facility. The residents life expectancy is lengthened a result of the quality care they receive. The residents are a part of our community and are welcomed wherever they go. Moving the most frail among us, the residents of Murray Center to community homes will be a putting their very lives at risk. This is unacceptable and must not be allowed.

The Chamber of Commerce is **opposed to closing Murray Center** and implores you to deny the application for closure.

Sincerely,

Robert Kelsheimer  
Executive Director

Date 10/9/2013

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For these families in south central Illinois, the loss of Murray Center will present incredible hardships.

I urge you to deny the DHS application for project 13-058.

Sincerely,

*Linda S. Mergen*  
*1927 Ullman Rd*  
*Centralia IL 62801*  
*618-533-2190*

Nicholas Cistola  
600 E. Campus Dr.  
Apt. 3D  
Carbondale IL 62901

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Nicholas Cistola

State Farm Insurance Companies

Ed Grist, Agent

404 W. Noleman St

Centralia, IL 62801

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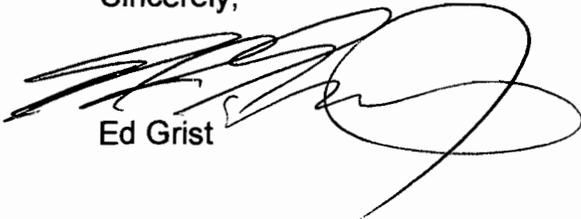
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Ed Grist

**DR. JIM AND ROXIE UNDERWOOD**  
**28100 STATE ROUTE 161**  
**CENTRALIA, IL 62801**  
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**TELEPHONE: 618-545-0518**

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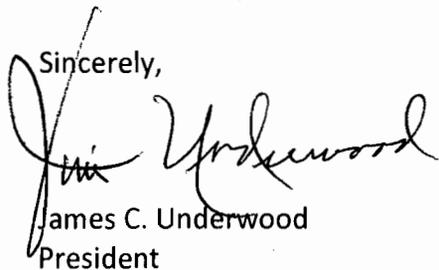
Dear Mr. Constantino:

We are writing to support keeping the Murray Center open. Our disabled citizens are well cared for at the Murray Center and we feel that it is in everyone's best interest to keep the residents in their home at the Murray Center. Further, the Murray Center is well-maintained and a great asset to the State of Illinois. The Center is also very efficient and effective in serving others. The 500+ jobs that would be lost will have a devastating impact on the region.

This Center is needed for caring for our disabled citizens and the loss of this facility will cause tremendous hardships on the residents, their families, and the community.

We appreciate your consideration in keeping the Murray Center open.

Sincerely,

  
James C. Underwood  
President



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Re: **OPPOSED TO PROJECT 13-058; OPPOSED TO CLOSING MURRAY CENTER**

Dear Mr. Constantino:

The Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees has unanimously passed a resolution for keeping the Murray Center open. The Murray Center staff has demonstrated over the years a commitment to quality services for our disabled citizens. Further, the Murray Center is well-maintained and a great asset to the State of Illinois. The Center is also very efficient and effective in serving others. The 500+ jobs that would be lost will have a devastating impact on the region.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Underwood', is written over a printed name and title.

James C. Underwood  
President

## RESOLUTION

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Murray Center has a long history of providing quality service to the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Murray Center is all about caring for others and this facility has been an effective operation for several years and a wonderful home to many clients over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Murray Center has long provided employment opportunities for residents of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, many central and southern Illinois areas are already burdened by the loss of large numbers of desperately needed jobs, resulting in difficult times for many area families; and

**WHEREAS**, the region having unemployment rates exceeding both state and federal levels is already recognized as distressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of this facility will result in devastating and long lasting effects on the current residents of Murray Center; and

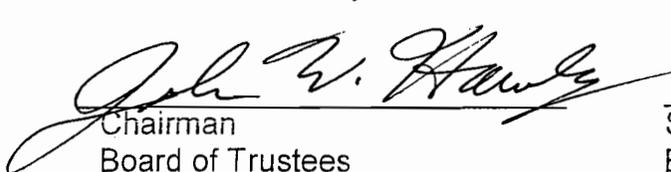
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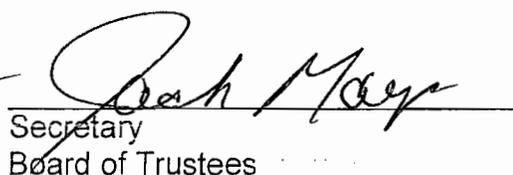
**WHEREAS**, the Murray Center has many volunteers serving the facility and programs at a cost savings to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, has proposed the closing of the Murray Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees respectfully presents this Resolution to The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, expressing that the closing of the Murray Center is not in the best interest of the citizens of Illinois, and therefore, request reconsideration of the proposed closing of said facility.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees

  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees