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Mike Constantino
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Housing Action Illinois is a statewide coalition of 160 member organizations formed to protect and expand the availability of quality affordable housing.

We support Governor Quinn's Rebalancing Initiative to close state institutions, invest in community living, and move the state closer to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision.

We believe everyone is entitled to a decent, safe place to call home yet far too often that right has been denied to people with disabilities who have historically been unnecessarily institutionalized in Illinois.

Rebalancing the developmental disability system will help end a painful chapter in our state's history and affirm the dignity of all members of our society.

We urge you to provide every individual at Murray Developmental Center the opportunity to live in a community of their choice.

Sincerely,

Gianna V. Baker
Outreach Coordinator
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