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Kathryn J. Olson, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Olson,

My mother-in-law, Nell Eckley, lives at Luther Oaks in Bloomington. I just returned from a visit with her and I stayed with her for six days. She is very happy there as I was during my brief stay.

I enthusiastically support the planned 18 bed skilled nursing facility at Luther Oaks. The new skilled nursing facility will be used by Luther Oaks only to provide care for its existing residents and will not accept referrals from the outside community.

Based upon my experience with my mother-in-law as one of the residents at Luther Oaks, I am very pleased with how well run and well managed it is. And Nell tells me that she couldn't be happier or more content than she is there, having made friends in addition to feeling very secure and well looked after. I am therefore excited about Luther Oaks expanding its range of care to include skilled nursing.

Sincerely,



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