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**Re: Project No. 15-037, Alden Courts of
Waterford**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Stephanie A. Kifowit, State Representative of the 84th District for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. Kniery
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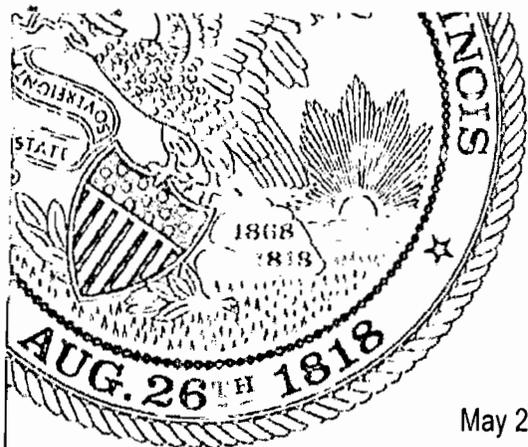
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Dear Ms. Avery,

It has come to my attention that the Alden facility in my district, 1991 Randi Drive in Aurora, is requesting to convert 22 sheltered care beds to 20 skilled care beds.

I review requests for letters of support carefully, and I work hard to ensure that there is a situation of need prior to my writing of a letter of support. Please consider my research in the request of this facility.

Upon receiving the request from Alden, I have talked to various staff members of the Alden facility. It is apparent this request has stemmed from an identified need that they believe will provide a better quality of care for the residents of Alden. It appears that when a resident is in the memory care sheltered building (the Courts) and they need a higher level of care, the resident cannot stay in that facility due to a lack of skilled beds. In addition, when I toured the campus, I noticed that the skilled beds are in a building that did not have the same entry configuration or security that the Courts provided. Thus, it is clear from my perspective that there is a need for the 20 skilled beds with resident security at the existing sheltered care beds should a memory care resident from the Courts need a higher level of care.

I appreciate the dedication to the continuum of care that the Alden facility is striving for the Waterford residents and the Aurora area residents, that could be achieved by the conversion of 22 sheltered care beds into 20 skilled care beds. Please consider my letter favorably in the review of Alden's certificate of need application.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Kifowit
Representative of the 84th District