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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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RE: Transitional Care of Lake County (Project # 16-012)

Dear Ms. Olson:

This letter is to state my support for Transitional Care of Lake County's application to relocate the existing Winchester House from Libertyville to Mundelein. The current facility is outdated and in need of significant renovation. This project is requesting 185 skilled nursing beds versus the 224 beds at Winchester House thereby reducing the number of excess beds in Lake County by 39 and providing a beautiful, new, updated facility for those currently receiving care.

In addition to long-term skilled nursing services, Transitional Care of Lake County will provide high-quality, post-acute care to high-acuity patients. Transitional Care of Lake County will be unlike other skilled nursing facilities in the area. It will provide a high-quality, low cost option to institutional rehabilitative care with a specialized focus on post-acute, short term rehabilitation. With higher nurse staffing ratios, Transitional Care of Lake County will have quicker response times, higher patient satisfaction, and better outcomes than traditional nursing home providers. Furthermore, Transitional Care of Lake County will coordinate with area physicians and hospitals to offer high-quality rehabilitative care. It can be very stressful to have a loved one in a long-term care or transitional-care facility, but having them in a facility of this caliber will definitely make family members feel more secure and improve the spirits of the patients.

I strongly support Transitional Care of Lake County and urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Steve Lentz
Mayor