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Dear Review Board,

I am writing to you concerning the possible closing of Long Term Care associated with Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville.

HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Our Mother has been in Long Term Care since February. Many other residents have been there for years. The transition from home to facility has been a process, indeed. The thought of starting this transition to a new facility, is not one any of us look forward to.

We understand the job of the hospital board is to do what is best for the hospital. We respect their decisions and know how hard this determination has been. We don't think, however, that they can be certain that the closing of Long Term Care will better the hospital. They are counting on the continuing money from Medicare to keep coming through by implementing more clinics in the rooms now occupied by residents. None of us know what changes will occur with our Medicare program.

Long Term Care is private pay and with the knowledge that it would remain open, could be filled to capacity. This additional revenue could offset money lost from reimbursements. With so many nursing homes closing because of poor economic times, it seems so odd to see a facility as wonderful as Long Term Care close. We desperately need it in our community.

We hope you will consider leaving Long Term Care open for the good of our Mothers and Fathers, their families, and all the wonderful caregivers at Culbertson Memorial Hospital.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jane Seitherlin