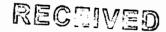
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February 3, 2016

VIA EMAIL AND FEDEX

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to Project 15-044, Transformative Health of McHenry

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of Florence Nursing Home, Crossroads Care Center, The Springs at Crystal Lake and Crystal Pines Rehabilitation, all facilities that will be negatively impacted by the above Project, I am submitting for consideration by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("HFSRB" or "Board") these comments <u>in opposition</u> to Project 15-044 (the "Project") which proposes a new 98-bed long term care facility in McHenry County. These comments address the Board Staff Report dated 2/2/2016.

The Board has appealed the Court-mandated issuance of a permit for Project 12-039, ManorCare Health Services of Crystal Lake, also in McHenry County

In November 2015, the Circuit Court of McHenry County reversed the Board's decision denying ManorCare Health Services, LLC's Project 12-039, an application for a certificate of need permit to establish a 130-bed skilled nursing facility in McHenry County, and issued an order instructing the Board to grant the permit. The Board's Inventory of needed beds should be adjusted to reflect the approval of Project 12-039, which decreases the County's future bed need to zero and eliminates the need for Project 15-044. The Board has appealed the Circuit Court decision.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Sincerely,

Clare Connor Ranalli

cc: Mike Constantino