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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

**Re: Project No. 17-035, Manor Court of
Rochelle**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Cindy Rescinito for the above referenced project.

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

Sincerely,



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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery and Board Members:

My name is Cindy Rescinito and I am from Rochelle, IL and I have worked for RFMS, Inc for one year. I am writing in support of the new skilled care nursing facility RAI, Inc is proposing in Rochelle.

I still have family in Rochelle who are aging. The good news is that they are healthy. That being said they/we are worried should the time come and they need rehab or dementia services, that service cannot be found in and around Rochelle. Through my work with RFMS, Inc, the administrative services company for the Project Sponsor's campuses, I realize just how hard it is to recruit staff. One way we have been successful in doing so is by providing the physical plant environments that primary care givers enjoy working in. This not only improves job satisfaction but it also resonates with our residents. My family and I know of several Rochelle residents who have had to leave the community to find adequate services. This presents such a great hardship on families. It also has an economic impact on a small rural community that tries mightily to be progressive and grow. Employers have loss of productivity when members have to take time off from their jobs to visit loved ones outside of the community instead of before and after work or on their lunch hour they have a hard time recruiting and retaining staff without this part of the social infrastructure in-place within the community. In my experience, people heal and recover more quickly when they have their support system readily available.

The rehabilitation therapy and dementia care that will be offered will provide the growing aged population of our community with the care they deserve. This proposed project will allow more residents to remain in the Rochelle area near family and friends. I know many residents in our community are traveling between 15 and 30 miles for long term care and dementia care.

Your positive consideration for Liberty Village of Rochelle as they apply for a Certificate of Need will be very much appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours Truly,



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