

Mr. Jeffery Mark
Illinois Health Facility Planning Board
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Dear Mr. Mark,

I am writing in regards to the new proposed Health Care Facility in Rochelle Illinois. My name is TyAnne Unger and I live in Rochelle Illinois. I have worked with the senior population in Rochelle for over 27 years and am currently retired. I have worked in a Healthcare facility(formally known as Rochelle Health Care West) and also managed a HUD Senior Living building (Lincoln Manor Senior Housing) for Lutheran Social Service of Illinois in Rochelle. Lincoln Manor is a 58 unit Independent facility.

I can not stress how much this new facility would mean to the senior population and their family members. One of my major concerns when finding placement for clients was having to have them leave Rochelle to find good quality care. The obviously families would have to drive distances to visit their love ones. My biggest concern is for seniors emotional wellbeing and what effect it has on both their mental and physical state.

Current story: Her name is Twila Borneman. Twila lived in my building when I took over managing it and I currently look after her as her family lives out of state. Twila currently has S.S. and Medicaid. Twila she 101 years young. Twila loved Rochelle and has lived in the area her entire life. Twila walks with a walker and is occasionally forgetful but otherwise for her age is in good health. She currently lived in a Assisted Living Building in DeKalb Illinois, not because she wanted to move but because she did not have any other options available to her. She will tell you "I am not ready for a nursing home."

Twila had to make several changes in her life because of this move. First of all she lost contact with her social groups and friends. Few people her age drive out of town anymore. She had to change to new doctors. She lost the system she had established to navigate the ever changing policies of aging in place. She hates it, she has lost her community, her friends and most of the the choice to continue to be a part of Rochelle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am also a senior and someday I many be living in the facility.

We need this facility. I ask that you please vote YES to this proposal.

Sincerely,



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