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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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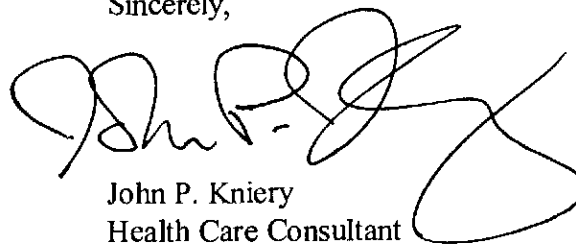
**Re: Project No. 17-035, Manor Court of
Rochelle**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Kishwaukee College providing the graduate rates for their nursing program as well as the basic nurse assistant nurse program further addressing the issue of staffing for the above referenced project.

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

Sincerely,


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To whom it may concern:

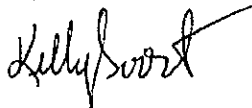
This is a letter in support of a Liberty Village facility locating in Rochelle, Illinois. I have previously written a letter in support as a long-time resident of Rochelle, Illinois, and as a healthcare provider in the community.

Today I send this letter to share graduate details from the Kishwaukee College Nursing Program and the Kishwaukee College Basic Nurse Assistant Program. Our nursing program graduates approximately 30-35 students per semester. These graduates are eligible and eager to work in their local communities. While a portion of our graduates head to area hospitals to work, many will choose long-term care as an option. We have a large segment of students who come from the Rochelle area, and this would provide them a great job opportunity, at the same time assisting the Rochelle community to not have to drive out of town for long-term care or rehabilitation. Our graduate employment rate is greater than 95% within six months of graduation.

Similarly, our Basic Nurse Assistant program has a high graduate output. These courses run every 8 weeks, with two sessions in the Fall semester, two sessions in the Spring semester, and one session in the Summer semester. Numbers of graduates range from 80-100 per year. These students also come from all surrounding areas, including Rochelle. The program has a high success rate on their certification exam, producing many C.N.A.s to assist in the long-term care arena.

Other local area nursing schools that could impact the ability for nursing staff to this facility include Sauk Valley College in Dixon, Highland Community College in Freeport, Rock Valley College in Rockford, Rockford University, St. Anthony College of Nursing in Rockford, Northern Illinois University, and Rasmussen College in Rockford.

The need is great in Rochelle for quality, long-term healthcare, and I personally believe that Kishwaukee graduates will be able to help staff this facility, as well as many others in the local area. I urge you to consider the location of Liberty Village in Rochelle as a step forward for Rochelle citizens.



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