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January 30, 2018

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center

Dear Board of Review:

I am writing in support of the proposed expansion and improvement plan for DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center. DCRNC provides outstanding services to our community, and the proposed project will positively impact patient outcomes. The project will be paid for with DCRNC operating funds.

To remain competitive, facilities must adapt to new technologies and best practices for treatment. The demand for private patient rooms continues to grow in the healthcare arena. DCRNC will have 11 private-pay private rooms and 31 private Medicare rooms after completion of the proposed construction.

The importance of an enjoyable dining experience to recovery and wellness can't be overstated. The addition of prep kitchens near the dining rooms will improve efficiency in the delivery of meals at proper serving temperatures. A coffee shop and larger lounge areas will allow for an inviting atmosphere for social interaction with family and friends -- a key quality of life component.

DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center has served DeKalb County since 1853 and has been financially self-sufficient for over 16 years. DCRNC has over 250 employees and has a stellar reputation for quality service in both rehab and long-term care. DCRNC is also an excellent partner in ensuring continuity of care for patients once they are discharged from the facility. I strongly support the proposed expansion and improvements to DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center.

Sincerely,

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Maureen Gerrity  
Administrator



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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

February 20, 2018

Re: DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center

To Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

Ridge Ambulance Service has been servicing DeKalb County Nursing Home and Rehab since 1999. We provide ALS and BLS transport services for their clients.

The purposed expansion of DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center would greatly benefit their current residences, families, and community by expanding their current services. This is sorely needed due to the ever-increasing elderly population in the DeKalb County area. The expansion would also benefit the local community with additional employment and community volunteer opportunities.

We at Ridge Ambulance Service feel that the purposed expansion is a win for all parties involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. [unclear]", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Ridge Ambulance Service