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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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RE: Coulterville Rehabilitation & Health Care Center (CON Project 19-030)

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the spouse / Power of Attorney of a former resident of Coulterville Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Coulterville, Illinois. My husband was admitted to Coulterville Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center twice in the past 5 years, with the first occurring after a spinal cord injury for which he required total care during his rehabilitation for his injury. At the time of admission, he was unable to do any aspects of his daily care. By the time he was discharged, he was able to feed himself, transfer to a wheelchair independently, and had begun walking using a walker and staff stand-by support. The staff at Coulterville Rehabilitation and Care provided him with compassionate, individualized, long-term care services that made an invaluable improvement in his condition and independence. I had no qualms about his second admission there for rehabilitation after suffering a broken hip. It would be wonderful if these great people could serve even more seniors from the area.

I am writing this letter to express my support for the certificate of need application submitted by Coulterville. I support this project because without that facility, I doubt that my husband would have the independence in activities of daily living that he has today at home. The location of the facility allowed me to make daily visits, which would not have been possible if he had been admitted to a rehabilitation facility in the Metro East or St. Louis. Those visits were important to both my husband and I. The facility always made me feel welcome during those visits and answered any questions I had about my husband's progress or care needs.

I respectfully ask the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this CON application. I believe the project will be beneficial to the surrounding communities. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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