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September 4, 2019

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

Re: Support for CON Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

As the Village President, I support Encompass Health's Certificate of Need (CON) application to build an acute 60-bed comprehensive inpatient rehabilitative hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. There is a need and desire for this type of facility in Lake County and surrounding counties. Libertyville and the surrounding communities have been growing and would benefit from this hospital. Currently Libertyville has a Level I Trauma Center within Condell Medical Center. Patients who need inpatient care do not want to drive to Chicago or Milwaukee, Wisconsin for these services as the closest inpatient rehabilitation facility is over 40 miles from Libertyville.

Approving this acute comprehensive rehabilitative hospital will provide needed services within our geographic area. Patients from Lake County, and other surrounding communities would be able to enter a facility close to their family members and perhaps even reduce the overall length of their acute care stay. Having such a facility in Libertyville will make it much easier for access by our local families.

The Village of Libertyville encourages you to approve the granting of a Certificate of Need for Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC. It would provide a much needed service to our residents and the surrounding communities as such a hospital does not exist in this region.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Wepler
Village President

Office of the Mayor

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