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Courtney Avery
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Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, Project #19-036 - Letter of Support – Mayor Kristina M. Kovarik, Village of Gurnee

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Mayor Kristina M. Kovarik, Village of Gurnee.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com. You can also contact my colleague Mark J. Silberman, via phone at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer

August 27, 2019

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


Dear Ms. Avery:

The City of Gurnee supports 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. Gurnee is a fast growing community and patients who need inpatient care do not want to drive to Chicago or Milwaukee for these services.

Approving this acute comprehensive rehabilitative hospital will provide needed services within our geographic area. Clients from Gurnee and other Lake County and 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 families as it would reduce the drive times experienced on many of our congested roadways.

The Village of Gurnee 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,



Mayor Kristina M. Kovarik
Village of Gurnee

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