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Courtney Avery  
Board Administrator  
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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 – Executive Director, Mark A. Pfister - Lake County**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Executive Director, Mark A. Pfister.

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](mailto: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](mailto:MSilberman@beneschlaw.com) with any questions.

Very truly yours,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,  
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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



**Mark A. Pfister, MSES, LEHP**  
Executive Director

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Re: Support for CON Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

It is with great enthusiasm that I provide this letter of support for the Certificate of Need being requested for the proposed Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital, LLC. I recently had the opportunity to meet with Encompass representatives to learn more about their proposal. After our discussion and reading information on the proposed project, I am convinced of both the need and merits of the facility. I presented the proposed project to our Lake County Board of Health members, who voted in favor of the rehabilitation hospital located in our community and directed me to provide a letter of support.

In addition to my role as the Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department, I have the unique experience of having worked in Public Health for 28 years and recognize the need for inpatient rehabilitation services, which are not currently offered in Lake County or close by. In our field, there are three phases of prevention: Primary prevention (keep the injury from occurring), Secondary prevention or Acute Care (provision of best treatment for injured persons); and Tertiary prevention or Rehabilitation (rehab the injured person to being as fully functional as possible). We have been stymied in our inpatient rehabilitation activities by the lack of inpatient rehab beds in our area. I am keenly aware of the need for a rehabilitation hospital such as the one being proposed by Encompass Health. Patients in need of rehabilitation and their families and friends would greatly appreciate and benefit from such a facility close to where they live.

In closing, as the Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department and on behalf of the Lake County Board of Health, I would like to strongly encourage the granting of a Certificate of Need for this rehabilitation hospital being proposed by Encompass Health. Such a facility would be a great addition to Lake County and serve a large, currently unmet need for rehabilitation services in Northeastern Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Pfister".

Mark A. Pfister  
Executive Director