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Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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 – Jennifer Clark, District 15 Lake County Board Member

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from District 15 Lake County Board Member, Jennifer Clark.

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



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August 28, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Certificate of Need for 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 in Libertyville, Illinois. 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 needs and merits of the facility.

In addition to my role as a Lake County Board Member, I have the unique experience of working as a professor at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Patients are having to drive to Wisconsin or to Chicago for acute inpatient rehabilitation services which is a detriment to the patient and family members. These patients need to be treated close to home as the goal of Encompass is to return the patient to their home and community. Lake County has wonderful acute care inpatient hospitals: all hospitals are a Level I or Level II trauma center. With the large number of trauma patients being treated in the Lake County hospitals who require inpatient rehabilitation services, this service is sorely needed in this area.

In closing, as both a Lake County Board Member and an Economics Professor, I would like to strongly encourage the granting of a Certificate of Need for the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC. Such a facility would be a great addition to Lake County and would serve a large, currently unmet need for rehabilitation services in Northeastern, Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Clark", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Clark
District 15 Lake County Board Member