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

Re: Alden Courts of Waterford
Expansion/Renovation CON

Dear Ms. Avery,

On behalf of Alden Courts of Waterford and its related entities our office has prepared and filed a Certificate of Need application for the above referenced project. It should be known that this project requires renovations, but no new construction is part of the building's repurposing from sheltered care to nursing care. Since proceeding with project 15-037, the nursing beds are effectively full, and the facility maintains a waitlist for nursing beds. This home is unique in that it is only a small part of a much bigger campus yet extremely vital as it cares for those with memory impairments. There is a robust need for these specialized memory care services. Moreover, there is no reimbursement for the service in sheltered care or assisted living.

Therefore, please accept this letter as a request for expedited review of this application. Each wing will be renovated individually so that beds can be opened as quickly as possible. However, given the demand and need, and that there are existing sheltered care residents who are aging-in-place whose medical needs are progressing, any consideration to accelerate timing of this project would be greatly appreciated. Moreover, we would not envision opposition or other influences that could slow the project because this is an existing facility providing the service; there is no new construction; and it is in a Planning Area with a need for nursing beds,

Thank you and your staff for your consideration on this project and this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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