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

Re: Project No. 19-038, Alden Courts of

Waterford

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed letter of support from State Representative Stephanie Kifowit for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Kathryn A. Harris

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Alden Courts of Waterford, 1991 Randi Drive, Aurora, IL RE:

Dear Ms. Avery,

As your files might reflect, in May 2015 I wrote a letter in support of the Alden Facility in my district to convert 22 sheltered care beds to 20 skilled beds. The administration of the Alden Facility at 1991 Randi Drive, Aurora IL, is now requesting to convert an additional 44 sheltered care beds to 40 skilled care beds at their facility.

I review requests for letters of support carefully, and I work hard to ensure that there is a situation of need prior to my writing of a letter of support. Please consider my personal knowledge of this location and the needs of this facility.

As in my previous letter, I continually have contact and site visits of this facility. I talk to various staff members on a regular basis and feel that I understand their facility and operations. The goal of this facility has always been to meet the needs to the residents. The staff has identified the need to convert a second wing of their Memory Care Facility from sheltered beds to skilled care beds. This will facilitate what a resident needs a higher level of care within the facility, they do not need to be transferred to another building. It would be a goal to minimize disruption of care for these residents and being able to continue their care in the same building, and this request fills that goal.

I am writing to offer support Alden's proposal to convert 44 sheltered care beds to 40 skilled care beds at the above captioned location. I believe there is a tremendous need for this level of care and Alden Courts of Waterford will provide unique and much needed service to our community.

The Alden of Waterford Community with all of its levels of care provides a vital health care continuum for the Aurora and surrounding area. They have been part of my district and the Aurora community for over 20 years.

Please consider my letter favorable in the review of Alden's certificate of need application

Sincerely,

Répresentative of the 84th District