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Debra Savage
Chair of Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Marklund Wasmond Center


Dear Chair Savage:

As the current Mayor of Elgin, former member of the Elgin City Council and Elgin Planning Commission, and Chairman of the Elgin Community Network since 2000, I have spent over twenty years in public service and am very aware of the needs of the Elgin community. I am writing in support of Marklund Children's Home certificate of need application to add 24 beds to its existing MC/DD facility located at 1435 Summit Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120 ("Marklund Wasmond Center").

For over 60 years, Marklund Wasmond Center has served individuals in Elgin with serious and profound developmental disabilities and special health care needs. Many Marklund residents are non-ambulatory and have severe cognitive disabilities due to genetic disorders, complications during pregnancy and delivery, or other issues. Marklund provides its residents with 24-hour skilled nursing care and regular therapy interventions to make everyday life possible. Importantly, Marklund Wasmond Center is one six facilities in the Chicagoland area that treat this medically complex patient population.

Expanded access to these specialized services will benefit residents in Elgin and the surrounding area. I ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this application to add beds to Marklund Wasmond Center.

Sincerely,


David Kaptain, Mayor
City of Elgin