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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Debra Savage
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Exceptional Care & Training Center

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to urge consideration for Exceptional Care & Training Center in their effort to receive a Certificate of Need in order to move operations from their old building to a new, more capable facility. Exceptional Care & Training Center (ECTC) is a non-profit, private facility located in Sterling, Illinois. They opened in 1979, with the first admission in 1980. They serve as the primary residential and day training provider in Whiteside County for persons with medically complex and developmental disabilities (MC/DD). They provide a unique service in the community and even within the State, being one of only ten facilities in the State of Illinois with the MC/DD license. Residents come to ECTC from private homes, hospitals, group homes, ICF/DDs, and nursing facilities throughout the State of Illinois.

ECTC provides integrated services to meet residential, community day services and case management services to the MC/DD population. They are licensed to provide residential services to 85 clients of any age. The age range of current residents is 25 to 87 and the average number of years residents have called ECTC "home" is 18 years. Many of their current residents first came to ECTC when they were children.

ECTC's current building, located at 2601 Woodlawn Road, Sterling, was built in 1964 and is no longer able to support the needs of ECTC. They have outgrown its dimensions and need to replace their building with a new, state-of-the-art facility to offer higher quality services. They have located land along 23rd Street in Sterling, between Avenues G and I that they believe would serve as a prime location for their new building.

Again, I would like to urge full and fair consideration for Exceptional Care & Training Center to receive a Certificate of Need. Thank you, and I look forward to your favorable review.

Sincerely,



Rep. Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress