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Martin Koster, Chair

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Debra Savage, Chair

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Savage,

Please accept this letter of support for the relocation and new building project currently being considered by Exceptional Care & Training Center of Sterling.

Exceptional Care & Training Center provides integrated services to meet residential, community day and case management services to persons with medical complex and developmental disabilities. Exceptional Care provides a valued service to individuals not only from the Whiteside County community but to individuals from throughout the State of Illinois. Exceptional Care has been a part of the Sterling community for over 40 years. Many of their current clients have called Exceptional Care "home" for just as many years.

Exceptional Care provides employment opportunities to 125-150 persons in our area. They also provide health care training opportunities by working with our local vocational programs and community colleges.

Exceptional Care has simply outgrown their current building and location. Their current building was built in 1964 when their property had few businesses surrounding it. As Sterling grew, their neighborhood changed. Exceptional Care is now in a high traffic, retail neighborhood and their property is landlocked. The location that they are considering is in an area of Sterling that is not a high traffic area, is near another long-term care facility and is closer to the medical care providers and hospitals that their residents utilize. This area of Sterling would be better suited for their expanded needs and future growth.

An new facility would better enable Exceptional Care to carry out their mission and meet the needs of their residents and people in our community.

Respectfully,

Martin Koster, Chair
Whiteside County Board