

823 S Michigan Ave
Villa Park, IL 60181
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Mr. Mike Constantino
IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson St
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 23-024 DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Cntr; AGAINST sale to SABA Healthcare

Dear Mr Constantino:

Please convey my serious concerns to the IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board and to the DeKalb County Board about the proposed sale of the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center to SABA Healthcare. **Please know that I am AGAINST this sale!!**

I have a friend with a loved on in this facility which has been a 'God-Send' for her in the care and well-being or her loved one. We do NOT want this facility to decline in its standard of care. This appears to be what happens to facilities owned by SABA.

From everything I have heard and read in local DeKalb newspapers, SABA appears to either cause facilities to decline or is unable or unwilling to raise the level of care of facilities they purchase as a first priority. I looked myself on the federal government website about the star ratings of SABA named facilities in a newspaper article (Daily Chronicle, 7/29/23; "Deal Put On Hold"). Besides MOST with the lowest rating of ONE, THREE of them also had a RED HAD symbol meaning facility has been cited for abuse. I am told that only 2 out of 10 of SABA's facilities in Illinois now have a TWO rating (and one of those has the RED HAND) , while the other 8 facilities have a rating of ONE.

IL Health Facilities/Services Review Board and DeKalb Cnty Board, **PLEASE do what Illinois citizens expect you to do!! Stop SABA from putting profits over people. Protect the most vulnerable of our state.**

I understand that Illinois currently ranks THIRD from the BOTTOM among all states in terms of care of nursing and rehab center residents. **We NEED to do BETTER than this in Illinois!!!**

Sincerely,



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