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DeKalb, IL 60115
September 7, 2023

Mike Constantino
IDPH
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Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Sir:

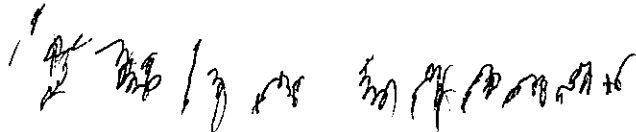
I am writing to the IDPH Certification of Need Board in opposition to the sale of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center. I have been a resident in the DCRMC for 7 years. I object to the sale because I do not think that the potential owners are qualified to own our nursing home. They already own at least 10 nursing homes in Illinois, and 8 are 1-star and 2 are two-star facilities. We have a wonderful nursing home, and it truly is a home where we have nursing facilities and staff to take care of us because we can no longer take care of ourselves. The potential buyers have shown that they do not care about the people who live here, and that they value profit more than people. Selling to these people can only result in a terrible place to exist. Please do not give them permission to allow another nursing home to become victim to their incompetence and uncaring attitude.

I also am in opposition to the sale of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center because it is a wonderful place to live. Residents are taken care of by a caring staff, that do a great job in making this a home for us. I have recommended this nursing home to many people who are looking for a place for a family member or friend who needs nursing home help. Residents here are happy. We have many activities to keep our minds alert and to socialize with other residents. The kitchen administrator tries very hard to serve food that most people will enjoy. She comes to our Resident Council meetings and takes suggestions for menus and holiday celebrations. This facility is always clean and never smells like "old people" who are not well cared for. Staff treat us with respect and caring, from the administration through the nursing staff, to the maintenance and the housekeeping staff.

Please do not sell our home to people who are only concerned with money. We live in one of DeKalb County's resources. Do not let these people destroy it!

Sincerely,

John Garmon
Resident

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Garmon", written over a horizontal line.

2600 Annie Glidden Road
DeKalb IL 60115
July 24, 2023

Mr. Mike Constantino
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525 West Jefferson
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Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing in protest to the sale of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center to Mr Blonder, Mr. Singer, and Mr. Zimmerman through DeKalb Healthcare Holdings, LLC, DEKalb Nursing and Rehab, LLC, DeKalb SNF Land Holdings, LLC, County of DeKalb. The prospective owners have developed a diagram of mismanagement for nursing homes. It seems to have been constructed that way on purpose. Illinois Department of Public Health made recommendations to require that they correct lack of compliance to IDPH guidelines. They have solved the problems were solved and the fines were paid. But the solutions were only temporarily! Clearly, they have continued to manage their properties in the exact same way, so non-compliance continues to reoccur. Many of the problems that have been addressed in the surveys are likely to appear at DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center if these buyers purchase the property.

Residents are aware of the prospective buyers' reputations of owning many 1-star facilities. This has created a great deal of anxiety because residents are afraid that the nursing home will become so unlivable that they will suffer under the management of these people. There is no indication that the management style will change.

It would have been appropriate to send a letter to the Resident Council at DCRNC in a timely way to let the residents know of the intent of the county board to sell the property to these nursing home owners that had such a poor reputation. If the residents counted at all to the seller, why was not there an attempt to put a referendum before the voters of DeKalb County?

The entire process of the sale of our nursing home has been shady at best. There are rumors that probably have a kernel of truth at least about the way the county board members have been manipulated and threatened. To whom has the nursing home administrators been responsible to? Are the residents even a part of this decision? These people live here, eat here, have friends here, and most of them do not have the ability to get away this facility. Are they prisoners or clients? Are they just sent here to die? We are not disposable commodity. We are a viable part of the

communities of DeKalb County. We are not just a bunch of mentally deficient souls waiting for a place in heaven, because it seems like the residents of the applicants' other nursing homes are living in a type of hell.'

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brother El-Jamal". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Brother El-Jamal