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Hon. Debra Savage  
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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
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Re: DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center; Illinois HFSRB Docket No. H-02,  
Project No. 23—24

Dear Ms. Savage:

It is my understanding that at its October 3, 2023 meeting the HFSRB is considering the application of DeKalb Healthcare Holdings, LLC, et al. (the Applicant), for approval to operate the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center. Part of DeKalb County lies within my district and some of my constituents would be affected by this proposed transfer of ownership and operations.

I have reviewed the HFSRB Staff Report. I respectfully request that the HFSRB consider the Staff Report findings that the proposed project does not appear to be in conformance with the provisions of Criterion 1110.230 in that an applicant must have the qualifications, background, and character, to adequately provide a proper standard of long-term care (LTC) service for the community. 20 ILCS 3960/6.

A number of Staff Report findings are the cause of concern:

- The high proportion of facilities in which some of the Applicant's owners share ownership are listed as one-star facilities on the Medicare Compare website.
- The track record of facilities in which some of Applicant's owners share some ownership interest and which have had adverse actions taken against them in the prior three years.
- The Staff Report's citation of "hefty fines" and "a combined number of 170 citations for various unsatisfactory business operations."
- The conclusion that "[b]ased upon the review of the information regarding these adverse actions it does not appear that the Applicants have the background to provide a proper standard of care."

The Staff Report notes the Applicant's assertions that its application is the only option of continuing to provide nursing home services in DeKalb County, and that the only alternative is to close the facility.

I request that the HFSRB examine whether the sale and transfer are contingent on HFSRB approval. If so, there may be a question of whether the facility ownership and operation would remain with DeKalb County, which could explore further options for providing nursing services. It is my understanding that some of the principals for the Applicant were also principals for an entity that was rejected by the County Board, and it only became clear that they were also involved with the applicant when the Applicant filed for the certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lance Yednock

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Yednock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

State Representative, 76<sup>th</sup> District