

**From:** [tmack2](#)  
**To:** [Constantino, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Stop the sale of the DeKalb County Nursing Home  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 7:27:27 AM

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The residents of the nursing home, the employees of the nursing home and the taxpayers of DeKalb County deserve far better treatment and a much more favorable outcome than the current proposed sale would provide for.

Please deny the sale and give us the opportunity to persuade the DeKalb County Board to reconsider a public referendum allowing the county residents to vote and determine if they want local ownership to be retained.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Tom Mack  
DeKalb, IL

**From:** [Doris Rex](#)  
**To:** [Constantino, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** [External] DCNRC  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 2:15:49 PM

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I live in the city of DeKalb and a former employee of DCNRC. I was the compliance nurse in 2018 and decided to leave when the management company and board decided to let Bart Becker go as the administrator. I spent the last half of my nursing career in skilled nursing and held a variety of director of nursing positions and have since retired. I do not want the facility sold to a for profit company as I have worked for several and the driving force is to make a profit. DCNRC has not been run efficiently by the management company the board hired for many years. The skilled nursing business has changed a great deal over the last 10 - 15 years and the board overseeing the facility and the management company has not kept up with the times and wanted to keep things like they used to be. DCNRC can be an excellent place to care for our elderly, but it must be managed by people knowledgeable in the arena of skilled nursing and who care about providing quality services to their constituents. Staff need to receive a good wage and benefits so that quality staff can be hired to provide the care needed to our vulnerable population. I am not in favor of selling the facility, but the board needs to step up to the plate and put in place the people who can run the facility efficiently and provide skilled nursing services with professionalism and compassion.

Thank you,  
Doris Rex

**From:** [Jana Brubaker](#)  
**To:** [Constantino, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** [External] DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 12:53:07 PM

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I am writing to urge you deny the sale of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center to Saba Healthcare. These buyers own other nursing homes in Illinois that have below average ratings. In addition, the sale price reflects an extreme undervaluation of the facility. This is a disservice to the taxpayers. Surely there is a way to continue the fine service that the county-owned facility has provided for many, many years.

Sincerely yours,

Jana Brubaker  
149 Buena Vista Drive  
DeKalb, IL 60115

**From:** [Connie Briesacher](#)  
**To:** [Constantino, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Sale of Dekalb County Nursing and Rehab  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 11:09:54 AM

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Mike,

I am a resident of Dekalb county and a retired registered nurse. After reading the explanation of the current situation regarding the sale of our nursing care facility, I would urge the Health Care facilities review board to deny the sale of our care center. The state of our country's health care is plummeting and we need quality care and rehab for our Dekalb county residents. Please consider the wishes and efforts of our county residents to retain the facilities' county ownership.

Sincerely, Connie Briesacher RNBS

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [Constantino, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** [External] DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 3:43:38 PM

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Dear Sir,

I am a resident of Dekalb County, and I am requesting that the Illinois State Health and Facilities Services Review Board  
DENY the SALE of the DeKalb Nursing Center!

The new buyers have the lowest possible rating, 1 star out of 5 stars, in almost all the Illinois Nursing Homes.

Please, please, please ask the Review Board to DENY THE SALE!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Lane  
330 George St.  
Sycamore, IL 60178

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2600 Annie Glidden Road  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
September 17, 2023

Certificate of Need Board  
c/o Mike Constantino  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Certificate of Need Board

I am writing in opposition to the sale of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center, project 23-024. I am a resident of the DCRNC and am the president of the Resident Council. I am representing the residents of the Nursing Center when I let you know that we are opposed to the changes that are proposed to turn a home for those who cannot take care of themselves into a money-making, for-profit business venture. It is clear that the double purpose of this sale is to jettison the aggravation and expense of the sellers and the desire to make as much profit from the lives and needs of the DCRHC by putting as much money as possible directly into the pockets of the potential buyers.

The consequences of this purchase, as you already know, will be to reduce the care provided for the people who live here. Past performance is the best predictor of future performance, and Blonder, Singer, and Zuckerman have proven with their past performances in their nursing homes in Illinois that their star-ratings and consequences of unwillingness to make sure that residents are well cared for can only show what will happen to DCRNC under their watch. They will continue to neglect the needs of the residents so that their proceeds will be as large as possible. It has been shown that when county nursing homes are sold to for-profit entities, the death rate at the institution increases on average 20%. After reviewing their non-compliance record in their other nursing homes in Illinois, it would not appear that they will be bothered by those findings.

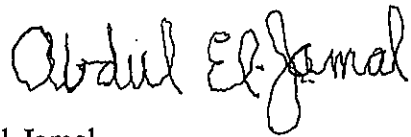
Presently, the DCRNC is in a position to keep the home as a viable County establishment. The current administration at the nursing home has worked hard to bring down costs and find ways to make it able to pay its bills and fulfill its obligations. A further step has already been instituted to widen the insurance companies that will cover admittance to the nursing home. At this time, only people with Medicare A and B and/or Medicaid are allowed to reside at the DCRNC. This eliminates a huge number of people who cannot be transferred from local hospitals or choosing to live at the DCRNC. This would also bring a significant increase in the census of the Nursing Home.

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I attended the last County Board's Health and Human Services committee meeting, held on September 11, 2023, and heard the current nursing home administrator vouch for the viability of the DCRNC an institution functioning in the black. In addition, the representative from Jordan Consulting, who is providing billing services and advising the staff and the County Board on the best way to handle the problems of the nursing home, stated that the best possible solution for the administration of the nursing home would be to keep it as a County Rehab and Nursing Center to best benefit the residents and the residents of DeKalb County.

We implore you to do the right thing. You are aware of the low quality of the nursing homes currently owned by the buyers. These people are not qualified to be given access to yet another nursing home to increase their own bank accounts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abdul El-Jamal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'J'.

Brother A. El-Jamal

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Name	Address	Signature	County IL
CYNTHIA PARAKAS	813 W. TAYLOR ST. #719		DEKALB
Eleanor Jesionowski	835 Kimberly Dr. #10 DeKalb, IL		DeKalb
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SUSAN WONG	1351 WALNUT ST. DEKALB IL 60115		DeKalb
TONY WONG	1351 Walnut St., DeKalb, IL 60115		DeKalb
Jenny Bogdan	121 Stoney Creek Rd. DeKalb, IL		DeKalb
Jo Bertuzzi	418 Preserve Dr. Genoa		DeKalb
Maria Thompson	1516 Schifly Lane DeKalb		DeKalb
Christiane Ong-McCarthy	315 Greenwood N, DeKalb		DeKalb
Remeann Cambel	714 Park Ave. Sycamore, IL		Sycamore
Crystal Dalagante	1445 Somonuk Sycamore, IL 60178		DeKalb
Michael Jannheim	835 Kimberly DeKalb IL 60115		DeKalb
Jeelina Collamat	1806 FURROW ST. DeKalb, IL		DeKalb, IL
RODZ AWPAKZ	825 W. TAYLOR ST. DeKalb IL		DeKalb, IL

Name	Address	Signature	County IL
Isabelle Lopez	343 Sycamore St Geneva IL	<i>Isabelle Lopez</i>	Dekalb
Amy Kuhn	34 South Sycamore St Geneva IL 60135	<i>Amy Kuhn</i>	Dekalb County
Alexis Chapman	100 S West St Cortland IL	<i>Alexis Chapman</i>	Dekalb
Kimberly Adams	100 S West St Cortland IL	<i>Kimberly Adams</i>	Dekalb County
William Weber	100 S West Cortland IL	<i>William Weber</i>	Dekalb County
Jim Weber	1659 Park Ave Sycamore IL	<i>Jim Weber</i>	Dekalb
Aric Coleman	21176 Oak Kinetic St...	<i>Aric Coleman</i>	Dekalb IL
James DePaul	216 West Hill St...	<i>James DePaul</i>	DEKALB
Dwanda Coleman, McGrawe	10015 Rich Rd, Dekalb, IL	<i>Dwanda Coleman</i>	Dekalb, IL
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Austin Coleman	502 Edward St Sycamore IL	<i>Austin Coleman</i>	Sycamore
Robert Floersch	616 Archie Pl Sycamore IL	<i>Robert Floersch</i>	Sycamore
Amber Floersch	616 Archie Pl Sycamore IL	<i>Amber Floersch</i>	Sycamore
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Name

Address

Signature

County IL

Stevens Latimer 111 E. 5th St. (Stevens B. Latimer) DeKalb

James Dunaway 902 N 13th Street DeKalb Ill







912 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
September 15, 2023

Certificate of Need Board  
c/o Mike Constantino  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Members of the Certificate of Need Board:

I have lived in DeKalb County for many, many years, and my mother and her parents were born and raised here. I know how important a county nursing home is to the people who live in this county. The DCRNC has been serving the county for 167 years and is counted on by people who need a place for loved ones who can no longer care for themselves.

When I found out about the sale, I was appalled by the solution to sell the nursing home as the best way to fix their financial problems. The financial problems of the nursing home were a result of the County Board's lack of watchfulness over their management company. The company stopped using responsible financial practices until the money was gone and the nursing home was deeply in debt. Of course, it cost money to solve the problem. It should never have been a problem in the first place!

Through the hard work and dedication to the DCRNC, the staff has decreased the financial reliance on the DeKalb County Board and has increased the viability of the nursing home as an entity of DeKalb County. Agency nurses and CNAs have been significantly reduced. Because agency personnel are so much more expensive than in-house nursing and CNA staff, this has reduced expenses. In the past, the only people who could be admitted to the nursing home were self-pay, Medicare A and B (exclusively) and Medicaid. Currently, the staff is working with Medicare Advantage plans from Aetna and United Health Care to increase the ability to take referrals from area hospitals. The largest employer in the county, Northern Illinois University, only offers the State of Illinois insurance retirement plan, Medicare Advantage. Clearly, accepting additional insurance options will increase the number of people who can take advantage of the DCRNC's rehab and nursing options.

Bart Becker, at the Health and Human Services meetings on August 7, 2023 and September 11, 2023, has shown the DeKalb County Board the figures that prove that the nursing home is indeed viable and does not need to be sold. In addition, Andrew Cutler, DCRNC management and

billing consultant from Jordan Consulting said at the September 11, DCRNC Health and Human Services committee meeting, “The only viable offering for this project is the county.” (1:43:47). As a county nursing and rehab facility, DCRNC will be able to continue to answer the needs of DeKalb County, for those who are unable to care for themselves and have no alternative to continue living without support.

It may take a community to raise a child, but it takes a county full of concerned citizens to take care of the people who need nursing and rehab care. The DCRNC has shown that it is viable and does not need to be sold to a group of buyers who do not take care of the nursing homes they already own, and who are not qualified to be given the opportunity to own another nursing that has shown that can indeed continue to serve as a county facility.

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*Carol Deemer*

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Sara Myers	125 W. Locust, DK	Sara Myers	DeKalb
Leslie Lehner	175 Fuller Dr. Wickerman	Leslie Lehner	DeKalb
Meredith Gulo	303 Fairmont Dr. DeKalb	Meredith Gulo	DeKalb
ISABEL FELDMAN	807 RICHARDS ST. Genoa	Isabelle Feldman	KANE
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JJ Wett	127 Tilton Park Dr., DeKalb IL	JJ Wett	DeKalb
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