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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**SUBJECT: I REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT
#25-031, OAK HILL SENIOR LIVING AND REHABILITATION CENTER, WATERLOO**

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I request that there be held a public hearing by this board on the proposed project
#25-031, Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo.

For four years I have been the Social Services Assistant and Licensed Social Worker at
Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo.

I attended the Monroe County board public meeting concerning this proposed project on
Tuesday August 26, 2025 at the Monroe County Courthouse. As an employee of Oak
Hill, as a taxpayer, and registered voter of Monroe County, I strongly feel that not only
myself but as well as my fellow coworkers and constituents' trust was violated, we were
not listened to nor acknowledged by the Monroe County Board Committee regarding
Oak Hill and this vital issue regarding its future.

Oak Hill is a county Nursing Home in Waterloo, Illinois. It has been run by the Monroe
County Board since 1951. Therefore it needs to continue to be run by the Monroe
County Board as what the taxpayers and registered voters of Monroe County have
voted on.

The Monroe County Board recently made this extremely rash, very unfair and unjust
decision to proceed to lease Oak Hill to Accolade Ventures, LLC, and Accolade
Healthcare of Waterloo, LLC and completed the lease agreement application process
without any of the Oak Hill employees, Monroe County tax payers, and registered voters
consent, and not listened to any thing that we had to say regarding this vital matter and

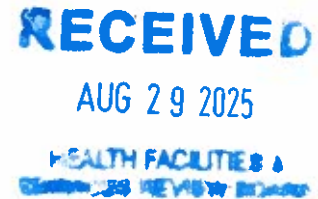
proceed to sign the lease agreement anyway making us all feel blindsided, invisible, unimportant, belittled, and brushed us all aside like we were nothing and did not matter.

Therefore we need this public hearing to be held by the Illinois Health Facilities Services Review Board so all of our voices can be heard and proper consideration can be made regarding this project. All of us should have a say in Oak Hill's future. The Monroe County Board needs to reconsider the gravity of this five year lease with Accolade Ventures, LLC, and Accolade Healthcare of Waterloo, LLC before it ruins Oak Hill's very good reputation for having excellent resident care, and dismantles its loyal staff. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Merry Baldwin, Social Services Assistant and Licensed Social Worker
Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo

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#25-031, Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo.

I am a concerned citizen and small business owner in Monroe County, Illinois. My paternal grandmother was a resident of this nursing home for seven years, my father's aunt was a resident of this nursing home, and my own mother was a resident of this nursing home.

Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo is a county nursing home, it has been run by Monroe County since 1951. Therefore it needs to continue to be run by Monroe County as it is what voters of Monroe County have overwhelmingly in the majority voted for the Monroe County board to run the nursing home.

The Monroe County Board recently made this extremely rash decision to proceed to lease Oak Hill to Accolade Ventures, LLC, and Accolade Healthcare of Waterloo, LLC, completing the lease agreement application process without the consent of any of the Oak Hill employees, Monroe County tax payers, and voters, and not listened to any thing that we had to say regarding this vital matter.

We need this public hearing to be held by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board so all of our voices can be heard and proper consideration can be made regarding this project. All of us should have a say in Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo's future. The Monroe County Board needs to reconsider the gravity of this five year lease with Allocade Ventures & Allocade Healthcare before it

ruins Oak Hill Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center, Waterloo's very good reputation for having excellent resident care, and dismantles its loyal staff. Thank you for your consideration regarding this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmie C. Lough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Jimmie C. Lough