

March 20, 2026

Mr. John Kniery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson St, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Subject: **Letter of Support for Arcadia Estates at Lincoln Licensing Application (Project No. 25-040)**

Dear Mr. Kniery

Greater Peoria Economic Development Council (GPEDC) is pleased to express our strong support for Arcadia Estates at Lincoln's licensing application to expand into a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) with a Memory Care unit at 1507 7th St, Lincoln, IL 62656 (Project No. 25-040). This expansion will address critical community needs while providing meaningful economic benefits to our region.

GPEDC is a public-private partnership serving a five-county region — Peoria, Logan, Woodford, Tazewell, and Mason counties — focused on regional economic planning and growth. We develop and implement the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which outlines a key goal: foster healthy lifestyle choices for improved health outcomes and individual prosperity. Arcadia's expansion aligns perfectly with this mission.

Our region is actively adapting to the economic shifts of an aging population. Lightcast data shows a 16.5% average increase in residents 65+ over the past decade, with housing and healthcare access at the forefront of those challenges. Expanding skilled nursing and memory care capacity is crucial to helping people age in their communities — and to the individual and regional prosperity we work toward every day.

We also recognize meaningful workforce benefits. Our region's Health and Human Services sector is growing alongside the presence of Carle Health and OSF Health Center, with Lightcast data showing 10% growth in Registered Nurses and 4% in Certified Nursing Assistants over the past five years. Arcadia's expansion offers a real opportunity to support the healthcare talent pipeline our industry and education partners are working hard to build.

We enthusiastically support Arcadia's application and look forward to seeing the social and economic benefits their expansion will bring to Logan County. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Christopher Setti
Chief Executive Officer