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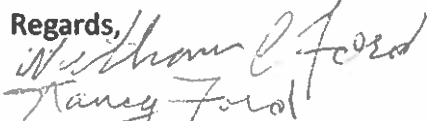
Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Debra Savage, Chair,

We are writing in regard to the critical issue in Champaign County for Skilled Care. We understand that you have all of the numbers and data to support the lack of Skilled Care facilities in Champaign County. The team of Advocates For Aging Care is doing a wonderful job of researching and planning a way forward to help resolve this issue. The proposed facility would be a significant improvement in health care in our community.

We have lived in Champaign County for 24 years and have seen the rapid decline in Skilled Care facilities. We are now in our mid 80's and pray that we won't need skilled care but that is yet to be known. We have aided friends who have needed the care and were unable to get it locally. Our friend was placed in a facility 30 miles away and we provided transportation for his wife to visit him for 2 months. It was a hardship for our friends and for us.

We ask you and the Review Board to give approval for the proposed facility so that construction can begin as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

Regards,


William and Nancy Ford