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Ms Savage:

I attended the June 9 hearing in Savoy regarding the need for more nursing home beds in Champaign County and very much support the effort to build a new facility.

I am a full time care giver for my wife who is suffering from symptoms of dementia. While I am still caring for her from home, my experience as a member of a care givers support group convinces me of the need. I have repeatedly heard stories of having to go out of county to find a nursing home bed. Care giving is a very demanding and exhausting job. Adding an hour commute each way to the day to care for a loved one is unforgiveable, especially when other communities, with fewer resources than Champaign County, are able to provide this service. Please approve the process of adding beds to Champaign County.

