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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am concerned about the availability of top quality options for our residents, particularly as they relate to the availability of health care. Ensuring that we have not only adequate, but top notch, access to short-term rehabilitative services in our community is important to me, my family and my neighbors.

Top Quality Care and Expertise

I am aware of the effort Transitional Care Management has undertaken to bring quality post-acute care in our community. I strongly support this ongoing endeavor as it will address a significant need for less institutional care. In particular, *Transitional Care Center of Arlington Heights* will provide post-acute care to those high acuity patients who are forced to leave hospitals "sicker and quicker." Some go home with limited home care and have no family members available to provide the additional support they need. Others who need this important level of care may have to leave the Planning Area for services.

Holistic Approach in a Wellness Center Setting

While there are other excellent facilities in the area, many are either fully occupied, only serve acute needs, are outdated or are restricted to serving special populations. Furthermore, not all are capable of handling the high acuity patient that will be served by Transitional Care Center of Arlington Heights or the patient who prefers to recover in a non-institutional setting that offers a holistic approach to healing.

Healing our Residents and Helping our Economy

The development of licensed nursing beds at Transitional Care Center will help address a specific and under-served need in our community and help round out our complement of fine medical services. Additionally it is a welcome answer to our acute vacant real estate issue and will provide about 100 full and part-time jobs to our residents. I appeal to you and members of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to lend your support to this new project.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Breiding

