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Dear Mr. Constantino,

I am writing today to share concerns I have regarding a project currently under your review. Transitional Care Management is proposing a 120-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility at 1200 North Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

I live in a community near the proposed site and am not in favor of it.

We have several highly-respected nursing communities that are currently providing excellent rehabilitative care. To my knowledge based on friends that have been in need of rehab services, there is no shortage and there are no waiting lists to get into these places.

Some of those are non-profit options that, I know, also provide charity care and a variety of other wellness options on their campuses, as well as to the community-at-large. I worry that another entry into this saturated market would potentially prohibit these neighboring nursing communities from continuing to provide all that they currently have to offer, even to the point of closure. Let's make sure we are fully utilizing the existing facilities that are in place before constructing another building that runs the risk of being half empty.

I do not see that this will create new jobs either, given the shortages that exist among health care professionals. It will only serve to deplete staffing from existing nursing facilities.

Lastly, I have heard that this proposed building might be constructed using HUD financing. As a tax payer, I strongly feel that this is a poor use of federal money given the massive federal deficits that exist and the exorbitant amount of money that is spent on healthcare needs in this country already.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of my concerns.

*Amy Sacch*