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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Illinois Health Facilities &
Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to vehemently protest the closing of Culbertson Long Term Care in Rushville, IL. There is a great need for this service to our elders. They are private pay, and are a profitable enterprise. More than that, to close it would destroy the vision Dr. Culbertson had for caring for the community.

It seems the current hospital board did not pursue enough information from consultants, relied solely on the advice of their CFO, who made the statement, "He didn't care about the community, he just thought it should be closed." We, the public, feel we were not well informed, reasons were not properly explained; and when a public meeting was requested, it was not offered, or considered. Furthermore, no viable options for using these rooms has been made public. In the application, the reason given for the closing was that the beds were not full. I believe this is a gross misstatement made to further convince you, the board, of the necessity of the closure.

I have served on the CMH Board, & am now on the Foundation Board so I do have an understanding of how things work. We as a community feel this is just the worst possible thing to do to our elders and will be traumatic to move them to a lesser facility, and as a result, some of them will die. How can I make a stronger case? Please think about these dear people and how they will be adversely affected. Thank you for listening.

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