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Chairman Dale Galassie  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

12-036

Dear Chairman Galassie:

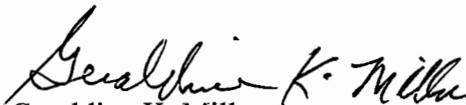
I am a five-year resident of Monarch Landing in Naperville, IL, and I am writing to you to enlist your support for the Certificate of Need to build our Health Care Facility. I was concerned when I moved to Monarch Landing in 2007 that the promised Health Care Facility was still two years away. It is now five years since I moved in, and still there is no Health Care Facility. Had I known at that time that after five years, the Health Care Facility would consist of only drawings on a board, I would have considered another senior resident community.

I am fortunate that for the most part, I have maintained good health since living at Monarch Landing. However, a year ago I had a serious fall and found myself in Central DuPage Hospital with several broken bones. After surgery and a four-day stay, I was transferred to Tabor Hills. While my care at Tabor Hills was fine, I longed to be home near my friends who could visit me easily. So, after two days and against medical advice, I signed myself out of Tabor Hills and back to Monarch Landing.

Mr. Galassie, I am more fortunate than many residents at Monarch Landing. I am ambulatory and still drive, and I just turned 79. Several couples here are both infirmed, using walkers and wheelchairs to get around. Visiting a loved one at another facility would place an unacceptable hardship on them when they most need the comfort of their lifelong companion. According to current plans, when our Health Care Facility *is* built, it will be fewer than 150 steps from my apartment. This is no small comfort for me as I continue to age.

Mr. Galassie, I implore you to approve our Certificate of Need so Monarch Landing can provide to its residents all the benefits they were promised when they moved in. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Geraldine K. Miller

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Dear Chairman Galassie:

When I moved into Monarch Landing five years ago, I was a two-time cancer survivor, I had had two hip replacements, and three shoulder surgeries. Needless to say, Monarch Landing's promise of a Health Care Facility within two or three years was a major consideration for me. Then came the Erickson bankruptcy which threw us all for a loop. What about the promises that had been made to us? What would happen to the first-rate Health Care Facility that was promised?

We were indeed fortunate when David Reis and Senior Care Development bought Monarch Landing. David made a commitment to each Monarch Landing resident that he would build the Health Care Facility at the earliest possible moment. So far, David has kept every promise he made to the residents of Monarch Landing, and he is fully committed to building the Health Care Facility, but he needs your help.

Chairman Galassie, will you support Monarch Landing's request for a Certificate of Need? This is a critically important addition to Monarch Landing, and one that was promised to us years ago. Obviously, our residents are getting older, and as our population continues to age, the need for an on-site health care facility becomes more and more urgent. We chose Monarch Landing because of the good faith promises made to us. Now it is time to collect on those promises.

Chairman Galassie, enough time has been wasted. We desperately need your support for Monarch Landing's Certificate of Need. I hope you will stand with the residents of Monarch Landing on this very important issue.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Marilyn R. Dahlquist  
Age 80

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To: Chairman Gale Galassie  
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board

From: Judy Torri  
Monarch Landing Resident

Date: September 11, 2012

Re: Approval of "Certificate of Need" to build the Health Care Center at Monarch Landing, Project 12-036

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I have been a resident of Monarch Landing in Naperville, IL for six years. I am now 72 and, thank God, in good health at this point in my life. However, part of my decision to come here was the promise of different levels of high quality care on campus as I aged. This was going to be my last move!

It is heartbreaking to see neighbors sent off campus to a skilled nursing facility away from their spouse and friends. I am not looking forward to having this happen to my husband or me. The support of my Monarch Landing "family" is an important part of my life having moved from out-of-state. My social life, spiritual life, and physical well being are all centered here.

When I hear about the number of "baby boomers" retiring with many more to come it is mind boggling. I find it hard to believe Monarch Landing wouldn't be able to support our planned Health Care Center. Actually, my concern is there will more likely be the problem of not having enough facilities in the area to serve the retired people who are living longer.

I'm writing this with the hope that you will give serious thought to approving our "Certificate of Need" quickly. We already have residents at the point of needing the levels of care our Health Center will provide. Please give us what we were promised!

Thank you for your consideration,



Judy Torri