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Gentlemen and Ladies:

Sept. 26, 2012

I am writing about the Healthcare Center at Monarch Landing, Project Number 12-036.

The residents of Monarch Landing are very concerned about the fact that the Certificate of Need has not been issued. In my opinion this is extremely important to us who live at Monarch Landing.

Several of our residents, who have had physical problems, have had to leave our wonderful community for the lack of a Healthcare Center here at Monarch Landing.

For those of us who no longer drive, this means the loss of visual contact with our friends. Seeing our friends is important to us as we are getting older. Not being able to drive, also mean some married couples are unable to see their spouses when they would like to see them, without depending on a third party. This is not good for either spouse.

There are also those residents that have had joint replacements or other ailments that require a stay at a facility for a short period of time to recuperate. These residents do not receive all the well wishes and encouragement they could if they were here at Monarch Landing.

We need your HELP. Please vote FOR the Certificate of Need requested by Monarch Landing for the building of the Healthcare Center. It would benefit the residents in many various ways.

Sincerely,



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September 26, 2012

RE: The Health Care Center at Monarch Landing, Project 12-036

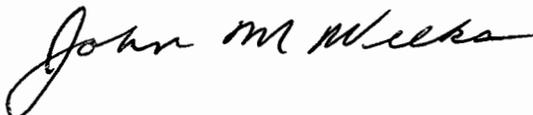
Due to my personal experiences over the past three years, I wish to share with you my reasons for asking for your approval for the construction of a Health Center Monarch Landing campus. My brief explanation is important as this situation could be faced by many others that I consider to be my friends and neighbors at Monarch Landing.

My wife is currently in a long term care facility in the Naperville area. She has been there since March 2012. While it is only some 20 minutes away, it is by far the closest facility that I have been able to find for her required care needs over the past 3 years. She has been moved to 4 Long Term Care Facilities within 3 years. The last move was due to a facility in Elmhurst giving me a two week notice that they were changing approximately 30 some Long Term Care beds to Medicare Certified beds. My experience in finding a facility that provides quality care that is within a reasonable distance to my home is one that I wouldn't wish on anyone. My wife is on waiting lists at 2 facilities in close proximity to Monarch Landing, and I call monthly to be told they have no beds available. I question that in 3 years 2 facilities have not had a bed open up at all.

Over the past three year period I have researched on my own plus worked with Social Workers at various hospitals and nursing homes to locate long term facilities that could care for my wife. Most of the time the closest places they could locate, when she was being discharged were from 20 to 45 miles away from my residence. Also, they were not always equipped with the proper type of care unit that was required. Therefore, she would have to be placed in another unit until a suitable unit bed became available. At one point, my wife was placed in a hospital bed for almost 2 months while proper placement could be found. This is evidence that there is a lack of beds in the area. Until recently, I averaged approximately 1,000 miles a month with round trip travel time of well over an hour. Needless to say, virtually eliminating the travel time, with a facility on Campus, would provide more time to be with my loved one. In addition, the distance to these locations made it difficult for family members and friends to visit my wife.

As with many of the other people living here, the planned Health Center to be built on the Campus of Monarch Landing definitely was a high priority factor with my decision a move here last year. I urge you and the board to please approve the request for the Certificate of Need to build the Health Center at Monarch Landing. Having the full continuum of care promised will eliminate others from going through the harrowing experience of finding a bed in this area that I have endured. In addition, the Health Center being on campus would reduce or eliminate much of the stress, expense and long travel times, for Monarch Landing residents as I have experienced. It would definitely improve and strengthen our community living at Monarch Landing. It would truly make long term retirement living, at one place, a reality. At the same time, instead of being uprooted again at this stage of our lives, it would make possible the continuing resident's access to family, friends, medical personnel, medical facilities and neighboring surroundings that we are familiar with.

Sincerely,



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