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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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To whomever it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport's application to construct and operate a 120-bed skilled nursing facility in Will County, Illinois.

As a physician serving Lockport and the surrounding communities, I am familiar with the growing population of this area and the corresponding need to ensure quality health care for a growing population of residents.

Being able to discharge a patient to a skilled nursing facility close to home is surely desirable for the patients and the families who care for them. We are confident that AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport will provide a valuable service to the community members of the area.

Based on recent experience, I could refer 12 to 24 patients per year from this area to the AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport for skilled nursing and/or rehabilitation. I have served 150 patients who have received care at existing skilled nursing facilities in the past year.

The prospective resident referrals used in this application for AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport have not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for general long-term care services.

I fully support the proposed facility.

Sincerely,



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