



Lockport: City of Historic Pride

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525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

As a proud Will County community, we are concerned about the continuing service needs of our residents, particularly those relating to the availability of health care. You may not be aware that access to quality nursing home services is severely limited. Ensuring that we have adequate access to health care services in our community is important to me and our residents.

I am aware of the effort Dr. Roumeliotis has undertaken to steadily improve access to quality post-acute care in our community. I strongly support this ongoing endeavor as it will address a significant need in Will County. In particular AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport will provide sub-acute and skilled nursing care to those high acuity patients leaving hospitals "sicker and quicker". Some patients who need this important level of care may currently have to leave Will County for services.

While there are other excellent facilities in the region, this will be a state-of-the-art facility that focuses on the high acuity patient with delivery of care across acute and post-acute settings, highly coordinated to generate positive outcomes at a substantially lower cost. The 110 bed licensed nursing development at AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport will help address one of the most significant needs in our community. I appeal to you and members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to lend your support to this new project.

I fully support the proposed facility.

Sincerely,

Ben Benson
City Administrator

Ben Benson, City Administrator, Lockport, Illinois, is pleased to express his support for the AegeanMed Transitional Care Center of Lockport. He believes that this facility will address a significant need in our community and will improve access to quality post-acute care for our residents.