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DEAR MS. OLSON, CHAIR,

MY LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE SKILLED NURSING ADDITION TO THE LUTHER OAKS FACILITY IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. WE HAVE PROPOSED AN 18 BED ADDITION FOR THE USE OF OUR RESIDENTS.

I ENTERED LUTHER OAKS AS A FULL TIME RESIDENT ON AUGUST 21, 2007 AND HAVE LIVED IN THE INDEPENDENT LIVING AREA SINCE THEN. WITHIN THE PAST YEAR I HAVE HAD THE MISFORTUNE OF HAVING A LEG MUSCLE RUPTURE, A VERY PAINFUL EXPERIENCE. I WISHED AT THAT TIME FOR THE BLESSING OF A SKILLED CARE UNIT RIGHT HERE.

THE STAFF AT LUTHER OAKS HAS SHOWN GREAT CARE AND COMPASSION FOR ME AND I LOVE IT HERE. I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE MOVED TO A NURSING HOME IN ANOTHER LOCATION, AWAY FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS AND EXCELLENT CARE. WHEN I MOVED HERE IN 2007, I HAD HOPED TO HAVE A CONTINUUM OF CARE RIGHT HERE.

PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS REQUEST TO ADD THE SKILLED CARE SECTION TO LUTHER OAKS IN 2014. IT IS NEEDED FOR US AS WELL AS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU KINDLY,



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November 3, 2013

Dear Chairwoman Olson,

I would like to offer this letter of support for the planned eighteen bed skilled nursing facility at Luther Oaks in Bloomington. The new skilled nursing facility will be used by Luther Oaks only to provide care for its existing residents and will not accept referrals from the outside community.

Our family has a vested interest in the prompt approval of this addition to the Bloomington facility. My mother moved in the Cross Roads memory care wing in March of this year. My father was able to move into a one bedroom apartment in the independent living wing at the end of April after selling their home. Whereas my parents are not able to live together in the same apartment/room, I am thankful that my father does not have the burden of traveling to visit my mother; that they can dine together once daily; and that she can easily "visit" his apartment for a change of scenery. I have been extremely impressed with the quality and compassionate care Luther Oaks provides.

We originally looked into Luther Oaks with the knowledge that they would soon be building a skilled nursing wing. We understood that the memory care wing was limited to assisted care. Those residents requiring a greater level of care would have to leave the facility. After only seven months in the memory wing, we find ourselves in the difficult position of possibly having to move my mother to another facility due to her level of need. My father would once again have the burden and stress of traveling to visit my mother after having only a few months together at the same facility.

Our family would greatly appreciate the completion of the skilled nursing wing which would allow a full continuum of care. Both parents could continue to reside in the same facility, and my mother could receive the level of care she requires.

Thank you for your careful consideration of approving this critical addition to the Luther Oaks facility in Bloomington.

Sincerely,

