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Re: Westminster Village
Support for CON Project

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Dear Ms. Olson,

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

I am privileged to represent some very fine constituents, several hundred who make Westminster Village their home. I was enthused to hear about their plans to make the community even better.

My understanding is that Westminster Village desires to improve its current facility and to make a modest expansion of its skilled care. They have shared with me that in the future they will be expanding assisted living and also plan to add almost 100 independent living units on its campus. Westminster has discussed their plans with me and asked for my support for its Certificate of Need Application. I am pleased to offer my support.

Many residents look forward to retiring at Westminster. With a long waiting list the facility cannot accommodate everyone who wishes to move to its continuing care retirement community. Many seniors are waiting 8 months to 24 months for assisted or independent living. Westminster recognizes that before Westminster can increase their assisted and independent living they must first increase the size of their skilled care. The renovation of the current facility and 18 bed expansion will make this excellent facility even better.

I support this project and ask your approval of this Certificate of Need Application.

Sincerely,

Keith P. Sommer