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Via Federal Express
Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Lifespace DG, LLC (Project 16-056) Request for Expedited Review of Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of Lifespace DG, LLC d/b/a Oak Trace, as Applicant, and Lifespace Communities, Inc., as Co-Applicant, we are submitting this letter to formally request an expedited review of the Certificate of Need ("CON") application of the construction of a new healthcare center resulting in the modernization of the existing healthcare center on the Oak Trace campus in Downers Grove, IL (Project 16-056). The application was deemed complete by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board staff on December 29, 2016 and docketed for review at the meeting scheduled for June 20, 2017.

As more fully described in the CON application, the Applicant's proposed project downsizes and replaces the existing nursing care beds to modernize the nursing facility. The existing nursing healthcare center was constructed in 1972 and is functionally obsolete. Mechanical and electrical systems are at the end of their useful life and Oak Trace has to obtain additional architectural reviews to satisfy the Fire Safety Evaluation System requirements to address deficiencies identified in the annual Life Safety Code Survey.

The preconstruction consultant for the project has advised that it will be necessary to complete the site preparatory work and to have the foundation poured prior to the onset of winter conditions in 2017 in order to maintain the project schedule and to maintain costs consistent with the estimates provided in the application. To ensure that this happens, the Applicant requests an expedited review for consideration at the March 2017 meeting in order for construction of the project to begin by June 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jodi Hirsch, Lifespace Communities