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Dear Administrator Avery,

I am writing in support of the certificate of need application for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL, through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and U.S. Health Vest.

Opioid addiction and the effects it has on the individual are severe. At the same time, it's not just the individual affected. The individual's family is affected; the community is affected. Many communities in Will County know all too well the damaging effects opioids have on its citizens and their community.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> district, Braidwood, IL has been a community that has seen firsthand the damaging affects opioids can cause. I've been impressed with the hard work the Mayor of Braidwood and the Chief of Police have done to tackle the opioid abuse in Braidwood – while trying to help those suffering from opioid addiction. For example, Braidwood's Communities Helping Addicts Needing to Gain Empowerment (C.H.A.N.G.E.) program has played a major part in helping addicts in their need for help and recovery.

Unfortunately, only so many resources are available to place Will county residents seeking help through the C.H.A.N.G.E. program in a facility where the treatment they require is provided. A 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox will go a long way to help facilitate the important treatment addicts in Will county need to overcome their addiction.

With this in mind, I ask that you and the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board support this important joint venture for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL between Silver Cross Hospital and U.S. Health Vest.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If my office can be of further assistance, please contact Greg Ridenour, Field Representative (815/431-9271; Greg.Ridenour@mail.house.gov) in my Ottawa District Office.

Respectfully,



Adam Kinzinger  
Member of Congress