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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter to endorse the development of a skilled nursing facility in the city of Rochelle, IL.

My name is Bobbie Colbert and I have been very involved in our Rochelle community and Ogle County for many years. I am currently on the Hub City Senior Center Board and am an elected member of the Ogle County Board. I also serve on the Ogle County Board of Health as well as the HEW (Health Education and Welfare) Committee.

Our area's population of older folks is growing! I feel that Rochelle would be an ideal location for a new skilled nursing facility as Rochelle is the population center of the County. The surrounding rural area residents would also benefit from the provided services as well as employment opportunities.

The proposed Dementia-Alzheimer's unit would offer services that aren't currently available in any other part of Ogle County. This hits close to home for me as my husband has been diagnosed with Dementia and has been a patient at the Rockford Cardiovascular Clinic and St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford for the past year. I am 82 years old and driving him back and forth for numerous appointments, procedures, and hospital visits is both draining and exhausting. Having a facility in Rochelle would be a very positive move for us.

I would much rather financially support Liberty Village in Rochelle than an out of town facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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Bobbie Colbert

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December 15, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

RE: Proposed new multilevel health facility for Rochelle, IL

Dear Ms. Avery:

I have witnessed the evolution of "nursing home" care in Rochelle for over 50 years, from my high school years through my retirement as President and CEO of The First National Bank of Rochelle. I have served on various boards including The Rochelle Community Hospital Board and various other community organizations. I can assure you that our community gives the highest priority to healthcare for its citizenry.

Nursing homes were once run in remodeled homes and, thankfully, evolved to the facilities formerly called Healthcare West and East. That evolution was critical to maintaining healthcare for our seniors and others. But that was more than 30 years ago. We need to realize that our current skilled nursing facilities are just as outdated as those remodeled homes were in relation to the care needed. It is time for new upgraded facilities capable of administering the care required for this day and age.

My family has used local facilities extensively. My grandmother was moved from Oakcrest in Dekalb to Healthcare East in Rochelle. My mother and father both used Healthcare West. Though we had no complaints about personnel, I confess the quality of facilities and lack of availability of services made us look elsewhere, outside of the community. In the end, the decision was made to remain local so we could visit more often. **This is a tradeoff that**



**should not have to be made.** People of Rochelle deserve quality facilities and services without having to burden loved ones to travel for visits.

As I age to the point where my own health becomes a greater concern, I think about alternatives. As I travel I see retirement communities with smooth transitions from independent living to assisted living, to skilled care at twenty first century quality. We need that in Rochelle, too. Whether it comes from one facility or a series of facilities, we need that continuum of care.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlin M. Cluts".

Marlin M. Cluts, EdD

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Attn: Avery  
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To whom it may concern:

I want to give my support to Liberty Village Nursing home being built in Rochelle Illinois. 6 years ago my mother went into the hospital and never came back home, for 7 months I drove back and forth to Rockford because there wasn't a facility that I would put her in, in Rochelle. They were not clean people were not being taken care of when I went on tours. I had to drive that far every day to see my mom. If there had been something in Rochelle available I would have put her there.

With looking at the background and the reports of Liberty Village I feel it would be a good addition to Rochelle, it will be bring more jobs, and people can keep their loved ones close to home.

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Attn: Mike Constantino/Courtney Avery

525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Liberty Village/Manor Court Rochelle Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a lifelong Rochelle resident and as such, I believe we desperately need a "state of the Art" skilled nursing facility. Our population is changing and aging. Elder-care should be a priority.

My mother was very ill a number of years ago, and we were forced to take her to a Chicago suburb. The care in nursing homes in Rochelle is minimal in my opinion. However, I do think San Gabriel does a fair job but when a resident becomes too ill, they are forced to leave town. I realize outlying towns would like to keep Rochelle residents as patients, but I feel they should not dictate as to whether we are allowed to have this facility be constructed in our city.

It would enhance the lives of many people in our small town of Rochelle to have this facility. A saving grace for the sons and daughters of the elderly. Something that might even bring growth to our city.

Please allow this construction to go forward.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce A. Manning

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Deanna K. Hill  
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December 14, 2017

To:

Health Finances &  
Services Review Board  
Attn: Courtney Avery

To whom this may concern:

Rochelle, <sup>Illinois,</sup> desperately needs a  
Skilled Nursing Care facility  
like Liberty Village of Princeton IL

Our facilities are feasible in  
these small towns near Rochelle  
also.

Please allow Liberty Village/  
Skilled Care Nursing to come to  
Rochelle IL I have 3 family  
members in a facility 30 miles  
away from Rochelle IL because  
I will never use what is offered here  
OR in the towns west of here, Deanna K. Hill