Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Application for Certificate of Need for Village at Mercy Creek – Normal, IL
40 Bed Skilled Nursing and Memory Care in Normal, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a practicing physician in the Bloomington-Normal area. It is my understanding that the Village at Mercy Creek proposes to build a 40 bed skilled rehabilitation and healthcare center in this area. With Advocate Bromenn Regional Medical Center being so close in proximity this development will be a terrific continuum of care.

As the area's population continues to grow and age these services are very much needed. Specifically, there is a shortage of appropriate care for residents with dementia. Over the years, I have referred approximately 20 patients per month for skilled care and memory support services that are much farther than the proposed Village at Mercy Creek project location in Normal Illinois. I anticipate the referral volume to remain similar or to grow for the next two years and beyond.

Thank you for giving The Village at Mercy Creek's Certificate of Need application every consideration. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ingalsbe