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 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 many patients 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. Steffen

State of Illinois
County of Cook

This instrument was acknowledged before me on September 10, 2018 by John D. Glover as Chief Operating Officer of Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation (d/b/a Franciscan Ministries Sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago).

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DENISE L BOUDREAU
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires Feb 7, 2020

Denise L. Boudreau
(Notary Public)

My commission expires: 2/7/2020