

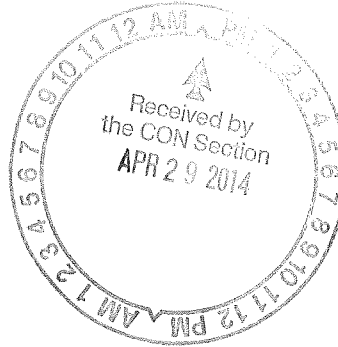


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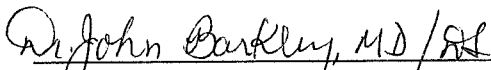
Dear Ms. Frisone:

Upon learning of Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community's intent to submit two certificate of need applications to expand its existing continuing care retirement community, I welcomed the opportunity to endorse such proposals. As a provider of healthcare services in the area, I am keenly aware of the need for high quality, accessible, and patient-focused care for the elderly, and fully support Aldersgate's proposals to continue meeting that need.

Our organization has worked closely with Aldersgate for many years and we are well aware of not only the exceptional care that they provide, but also Aldersgate's important role in providing healthcare services in our community. With the growing and aging population in Charlotte, it is important that beds are available and readily accessible when needed. As I understand, Aldersgate intends to submit two certificate of need applications to expand its existing continuing care retirement community—one application proposes to expand its existing memory support assisted living unit with the development of an additional 16 assisted living beds and another application proposes to replace all of its existing nursing facility beds in addition to the development of 20 additional nursing facility beds. Aldersgate's proposed projects will offer additional capacity for its patients and will also be very beneficial to any independent living resident who needs skilled nursing services close to home. Our organization strongly supports the efforts of Aldersgate to provide the best possible care for the residents of Mecklenburg County and surrounding areas.

I appreciate Aldersgate's commitment to its residents as well as its willingness to seek the input of other local healthcare organizations. Thank you for your favorable consideration of Aldersgate's proposals and this opportunity to submit this letter of endorsement.

Sincerely,



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