



January 15, 2025

Sigler Square

Attention: Board Members

434 E. Sigler Ave

Memphis, MO 63555

Dear Board Members,

I'm glad to know there will be a nursing home in Scotland County again soon. Some of my friends have loved ones in a nearby nursing home, they visit as often as they can. Having a local nursing home will be a lot more convenient for many people as they travel up to 1 hour round trip for visits. Having the hospital and clinic right next door will also be convenient. Thank you for all your hard work to reopen the nursing home in Memphis.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Teel". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael Teel

Norman L Mayberry
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Memphis, MO 63555
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January 10, 2025

Alison Dorge
Program Coordinator Certificate of Need
920 Wildwood Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Dear Ms. Dorge,

My wife, Joy, and I have been residents of Scotland County for over 35 years. Joy was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2006, and I was blessed enough to keep her at home until March of 2022, at which time, at 80 years old, I was unable to meet her needs at home by myself. Because Scotland County Care Center had closed, I was forced to place her at an alternate facility over 30 miles away. This placement has been an incredible hardship for myself and my family. We need the Scotland County Care Center reopened as soon as possible!

It is hard to live with my wife so far away and I can't make that trip every day. The distance has kept our children and their children from visiting Joy more often. The trip itself, there and back, takes almost an hour and a half which makes it impossible for our great grandchildren to make the trip and be home at a decent time for supper and bedtime; if Joy were right here in Memphis, MO, my entire family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren would be close enough to stop by to keep Joy's memory of them more fresh, to join her for lunch or just for a hug.

Please consider everything which has been lost since our care center closed and all that we have left if we reopen. We need our local care center to serve our community and keep our loved ones close!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norm Mayberry', written over a horizontal line.

Norm Mayberry

January 7, 2025

Sigler Square

434 E. Sigler Ave

Memphis, MO 63555

Attn: Tara Shultz

Tara Shultz and members of the Board of Directors,

I want to express my gratitude to the community for their support and voting for the bond to re-open the nursing home in Scotland County. I believe this is a great opportunity to enhance the economy by creating additional jobs and revenue from visitors spending money in the community while visiting loved ones. I'm quite certain the elder population in this area are comforted to know they can remain in Scotland County when the time comes for nursing home care. As my parents age into their 80's, it is a relief to know there is a nursing home here in Scotland County close to family and friends. I'm excited to see the progress of re-opening the facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie L. Duncan".

Melanie L. Duncan



PO BOX 201, MEMPHIS, MO 63555 www.memphismochamber.com

January 28, 2025

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to bring attention to a growing and urgent need within our community—the establishment of a local nursing home facility. As the voice of local businesses and community members, we have witnessed firsthand the challenges that families in our area face when seeking adequate long-term care for elderly loved ones.

Our community has a population among older adults who are increasingly in need of specialized care. However, the absence of a local nursing home has placed an undue burden on families, caregivers, and healthcare providers, forcing residents to travel long distances to secure the necessary care for their loved ones. This situation not only creates logistical challenges but also impacts the emotional well-being of both patients and their families, many of whom are deeply connected to our community.

The lack of accessible long-term care services also places additional strain on local healthcare systems and businesses. Families often struggle to balance caregiving responsibilities with work commitments, which can lead to higher levels of stress, absenteeism, and lost productivity.

We firmly believe that a local nursing home would not only alleviate these burdens but would also contribute significantly to the economic health and stability of our community. In addition to improving the quality of life for seniors and their families, such a facility would create job opportunities, support local healthcare professionals, and generate positive economic activity. Our community is fortunate to have a thriving hospital system; a nursing home facility would parallel our community's commitment to health and welfare of our citizens.

As an organization that advocates for the well-being of our local businesses and residents, the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to consider the vital need for a local nursing home. We believe that providing this service would not only improve the lives of our aging population but would also foster a more supportive, connected, and resilient community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Doster
Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce

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January 28, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with a heavy heart, hoping to raise awareness about the critical need for a local nursing home in our community. I lost my mother in 2023, who passed away after a prolonged illness. Her condition required constant care, and throughout the last stages of her life, my family and I were faced with the daunting task of finding appropriate care for her. Unfortunately, we live in an area where our local nursing home had closed, and we experienced firsthand the difficulty and emotional toll of having to place her in a nursing facility further from home.

My mother had been living with multiple chronic diseases, and my father (her primary caregiver) did everything he could to ensure she was comfortable. However, as her needs became more specialized, it became clear that she required professional care that my family could not provide on their own. The lack of a local nursing home meant we had to choose between options that were in different towns with the closest being thirty minutes away. Because of this distance, my family was unable to be with my mother on the morning that she passed away. We received a call that her health was suddenly declining, and we could not make it to her quick enough.

I share this experience with you because I truly believe no family should have to endure what we did. A local nursing home would have allowed us to stay closer to my mother during her final time, giving her the support and companionship she deserved, and offering our family peace of mind knowing she was being well cared for just a short distance away.

I hope that, in honoring my mother's memory, you will consider the urgent need for such a facility in our community. It would be a tremendous relief for families in similar situations, and I truly believe it would have made a world of difference in our lives.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I am happy to discuss this matter further or provide additional details if needed.

Sincerely,
Lisa Doster