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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the proposed expansion to Riverside Transitional Care facility.

If you research the history of "Nursing Home" you will quickly read the stigma it may continue to have. The older generation may recall "homes" being a dumping ground when family are unable to take care of their loved ones being sick or losing their independence to care for themselves. As time passes there have been significant changes to the "nursing home" environment. There were no private rooms, smoking was allowed in the buildings, and there were no regulations on staffing to name only a few. Fast forward to today, we have grown tremendously as a country in making "Nursing Homes" their home. We are closely monitored by state regulations, we have both males and females that are rockstars in the nursing profession, we provide therapies, recreation activities, and support to all that live within our community. Bethany Lutheran Home community has worked extensively to create a new structure to allow residents their own private room within the Nursing Home. We too, are growing and evolving to our future needs. Who wouldn't want their own loved one to have a private space while in a nursing home? This is the upcoming future and we as a company want to move forward with this expansion. It will not create more than our allotted 123 bed limit. It will simply create more space for our beloved elders to enjoy the last stages of their life. I highly recommend setting up a tour of the Riverside Transitional Care to look at the current double rooms we have in place and the space that they are allotted and then to review what we will be offering with the proposed expansion. We are not only doing this for our current residents, but for years to come to serve the community and their loved ones that may need the extra care one day.

To recap; I strongly agree to move forward with this expansion and I hope you do as well by passing this through.

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