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Someone to Stand by You

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter is supportive of the restructuring of Knollwood. We currently have more people over the age of 65 than ever before in our history. As the Baby-Boom generation continues to age, the number of people over the age of 65 will continue to increase. As you know, our healthcare systems, Medicare and Medicaid are not prepared for this massive change in our population. It is estimated that more than half of all individuals over the age of 85 have some form of memory related problem. This population requires adequate residential care facilities to support their needs. It is our goal, as an organization to support those businesses, care facilities and others interested in assisting in the care and management of our aging population.

The renovations that are planned for your facility will benefit the quality of life for our aging population, especially those living with Alzheimer's disease. Your renovations will allow for the aging population to be separated from the population living with memory related problems and other dementias. The characteristics of Alzheimer's disease require care facilities to provide for wandering, safety issues and separate program activities. It appears to me that Knollwood's renovations will help develop an environment to support these needs.

The Alzheimer's Association firmly endorses Knollwood's efforts to support people living with Alzheimer's and other related dementias.

Sincerely,

Anthony K. Sudler

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President & CEO

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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