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**CITY OF STAMFORD
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October 20, 2015

Dear Smith House Employee,

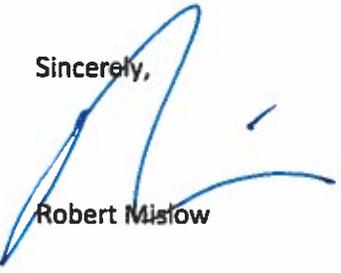
As you know, The Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility has been operating at a loss for many years. Despite the best efforts of our elected leaders, public and private professional managers, City and nursing home staff, and a dedicated board of directors, The Smith House operating deficit continues to grow. This year, the projected shortfall is close to \$6,000,000. After considering all options, today the City of Stamford submitted a letter of intent requesting a Certificate of Need package from the State, which could result in the permanent closure of The Smith House.

The City did not come to this decision easily. Because we understood the impact that seeking a closure would have on patients/residents, families and employees, the City drew back from making this decision year after year, even as the deficits continued to rise. Now that the decision has been made to request a Certificate of Need package, our top priority is to work with residents, their families and our dedicated employees, to minimize disruption in the lives of every affected individual. The City and I value the service you have given us and appreciate your continued professionalism during this difficult time. The City will be working with the respective unions to address your rights as Smith House employees.

The City projects that it will be filing the Certificate of Need application with the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) on or about November 16, 2015. Please note that only DSS has the authority to either grant, modify or deny the application, a process which can take up to 90 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Francis at (203) 977-4733.

Sincerely,


Robert Mislow