## St. Peter's Catholic Church

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April 5, 2010

Rita Giovannoni Chief Executive Officer Independent Living, Inc. 815 Forward Drive, Madison, WI 53711-2443

Re: Support for Independent Living, Inc.'s Cherokee Prairie Senior Housing Project

Dear Rita,

We are writing today on behalf of St. Peter Catholic Church located at Sherman Avenue and Wheeler Road. St. Peter Catholic Church has been located in the Cherokee neighborhood for 43 years. During this time we have seen our parish grow and a segment of it get older. We welcome the opportunity to have a new neighbor interested in providing affordable senior housing such as Independent Living, Inc. is proposing. We have over 1200 older members of our parish who might very likely have an interest in such housing as well as younger families who might have parents they would love to see have the option of such senior housing within proximity of St. Peter Church. Given the aging of some of our parishioners and other neighbors, it is welcomed. There exists limited choice of this type of housing at this time, so conveniently located in the Cherokee community.

We offer our support for Independent Living, Inc.'s Cherokee Prairie 42 unit affordable, independent living apartment project located next to our church. It is even better that it will be the first phase in a larger 148 unit senior housing community including 58 more independent living apartments and 48 assisted living units for the frail and memory impaired. We look forward to having such a valuable resource available for our community. Thank you very much. We offer our support for this exciting project and look forward to welcoming Cherokee Prairie and Independent Living, Inc. as our new neighbor.

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