RE: Support for Special Use Zoning Petition #4694
Project: Northern Illinois Recovery LLC
Property: 35W543 Miller Road

November 2, 2026

To the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals:

We are writing in support of Special Use Zoning Petition #4694 by Northern Illinois Recovery LLC to establish a residential treatment facility at 35W543 Miller Road.

Access to quality residential treatment services is an important community need. Substance use and behavioral health challenges affect individuals and families throughout our community. This facility would provide an opportunity for people to receive treatment, rebuild their lives, and work toward lasting recovery.

We recognize that questions have been raised regarding traffic, property occupancy, staffing, and emergency response. These are legitimate considerations, but we believe they can be addressed through reasonable conditions of approval, appropriate operating procedures, and compliance with County and State regulations.

Traffic and Roadway Safety

The proposed facility is residential in nature, with residents living on the property rather than generating the constant traffic associated with a commercial business. Staff transportation, scheduled activities, and family visitation can be managed through appropriate scheduling and operating procedures. The traffic engineer's recommendations regarding driveway access can also be incorporated into the facility's operating requirements.

Property Capacity and Suitability

The existing property offers an opportunity to provide residential treatment in an established setting. Final occupancy, bedroom configurations, and building modifications should be subject to applicable building, fire safety, and State licensing requirements. Any additional documentation or adjustments can be addressed through the County's approval and permitting process.

Staffing and Community Safety

The proposal includes background screening, continuous supervision, and four staff members per shift. Appropriate emergency procedures, staffing coverage, and coordination with local fire, EMS, and law enforcement agencies are important components of responsible operation. Any additional assurances the Board believes necessary can be established as conditions of approval.

Conclusion

We believe it is important to distinguish between concerns that can be managed through reasonable operating requirements and circumstances that would make a property fundamentally unsuitable for a proposed use.

The questions raised about this project do not, in themselves, justify denying an opportunity to provide an important community service. The Board has the ability to establish appropriate safeguards that protect surrounding residents while allowing this treatment facility to move forward.

We respectfully encourage the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals to recommend approval of Petition #4694, subject to reasonable conditions necessary to ensure the facility operates safely and responsibly.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please include this letter in the public record for Petition #4694.

Sincerely,

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