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DENISE E. WINFREY January 23, 2011  
Will County Board Member  
District #8

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project Reference #10-066

Dear Mr. Galassie and  
Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

I am Will County Board Member, Denise Winfrey. My district includes a major portion of the underserved population of Joliet, primarily its east side.

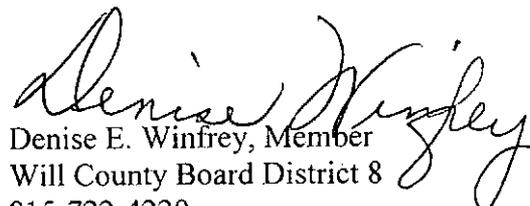
Frensenius Medical Center is proposing to build a sixteen (16) station dialysis clinic to be located in that community, at 1721 East Jackson Street, and I fully support their effort. Further, I urge you to grant their request for a Certificate of Need.

The patient population of the east side of Joliet is 46% Hispanic and 31% African-American based on the 2000 census. When the 2010 census is fully tabulated and published, the number is expected to increase. As you may be aware, this group is twice as likely as the general population to experience hypertension and diabetes, which are both leading causes of kidney failure.

Historically, Frensenius treats any patient, regardless of ability to pay. This is extremely important to a community that typically is under-insured, and often times uninsured.

Providing easily accessible dialysis services would be a blessing to the community and my constituency. I fully endorse the Frensenius project and request that you grant their request for a Certificate of need.

Sincerely,

  
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