



# KIDNEY CARE CENTER

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Project # 11-022, Fresenius Medical Care Lockport**

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Morufu Alausa, M.D. and I am a nephrologists practicing in the Joliet area. I am the Medical Director of the Fresenius Plainfield and Joliet facilities. I also admit patients to the Silver Cross units and Sun Health. Over the years I have witnessed extensive growth not only of population but of ESRD patients. Attesting to this is the Plainfield facility's climb above 80% in approximately 18 months. With the pre-ESRD patients in my practice from the Joliet area I expect the Joliet facility to climb to 80% in a similar fashion.

I have many pre-ESRD patients in my practice that I was anticipating referring to the Fresenius Lockport facility upon its opening and was very disappointed for my patients when I heard that the facility was forced to surrender its permit and re-file at a new site in Lockport. I along with my patients that live in Lockport are eager to have this much awaited facility located in their community.

I currently have patients from Lockport dialyzing in Plainfield, FMC this is a long distance to travel. The newly approved Joliet facility will not be a reasonable option for Lockport patients either due to the high number of pre-ESRD patients I have who live in the immediate vicinity in this underserved area who will dialyze there.

I urge you to keep the promise of dialysis services made to the residents of Lockport in 2009 with the approval of the original Lockport facility, by once again approving the same facility which is merely a move across the street.

Sincerely,

Morufu Alausa  
Medical Director