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To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Support Letter
Attachments: Bolingbrook Patient Support Letter.pdf

Good Morning Mike,

Please find the attached PDF copy of a letter written in support of the U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis certificate of need application, project numbers 11-025.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thanks,

Shawn

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July 18, 2011

Mr. Dale Galassie
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street - 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62702

RE: U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis: Application number 11-025

Dear Mr. Galassie:

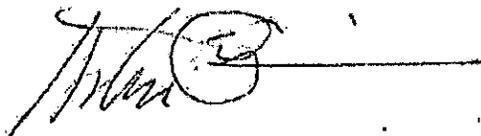
My name is Arthur Garibay. My wife Carol and I have lived in Lemont for years. I am a dialysis patient, and I support U.S. Renal Care's application to open a new dialysis facility in Bolingbrook. This facility would greatly improve my quality of life because it would be more convenient, and I believe it would provide me with access to a higher quality of care than that which I currently receive.

My wife and I are active members in this community. I teach oil painting classes at the Romeoville Park District Recreation Center and at the Lemont Center for the Arts. But because I need dialysis, I also have to visit a nearby clinic three times each week. Dialysis therapy is certainly demanding. It is very important to me to maintain this active and high quality of life while balancing the dialysis treatment. A new facility in Bolingbrook would greatly help because it would be more convenient.

I currently receive dialysis treatment at a nearby Fresenius clinic, but I welcome an additional one to the area. I have had to wait for more than an hour to be seen at the Fresenius clinic, and I have noticed the quality of care declining there. For example, we used to receive a pillow and blanket while we dialyzed. That is no longer being offered. Unfortunately there is no other alternative for me. Having a choice of where I dialyze would at least provide another option, and I believe it would put pressure on the existing clinic to improve its care. The more facilities I have to choose from, the more convenient and better experience I will have as a patient.

Dialysis patients are more than just patients – we are people. And I believe we have a right to the highest quality care possible. I hope this board approves U.S. Renal Care's application to open a new Bolingbrook facility soon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Garibay', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Arthur Garibay