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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #12-004, Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin

Dear Mr. Galassie:

My name is Darin LaHood and I currently serve as a State Senator representing the 37th District. The purpose of this letter is to state my full support for the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin dialysis center. This proposed facility would answer the current need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of the rural Tazewell County as well as the more populated Pekin/North Pekin area. We have an aging population that is more prone to the diseases that cause kidney failure. Along with dialysis they are also dealing with other chronic conditions.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darin LaHood".

Senator Darin LaHood

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RE: Project #12-004, Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin

Dear Mr. Glassie:

As President and CEO of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, I send this letter to offer my full support for the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin Dialysis Center. This proposed facility would answer the current need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of rural Tazewell County, as well as, the more populated Pekin/North Pekin area.

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Sincerely,


Keith Steffen
President & CEO



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Julie A. DeSutter, P.A.-C.
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Dear Mr. Galassie:

Nurse Practitioners
Tonya K. McDougall, M.S.N., EN.P
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My name is Robert Sparrow and I am a nephrologist practicing in the greater Peoria area. This letter is to lend my support for the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin dialysis clinic. I am well acquainted with the Central Illinois region. Specifically, my colleagues and I are affiliated with Renal Care Associates (RCA), and see patients who predominantly reside in the Peoria and Pekin area. The geographic region surrounding here is mostly rural, leaving few alternatives available for the patient in terms of dialysis clinics.

Administrator
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For example, the closest facility to North Pekin is the Fresenius Pekin unit, which is running at a high utilization rate of 85%. Shift choices then, don't become an option for the patient. This greatly limits the treatment times that are available to the patient, who already is traveling long distances for treatment. Many of my patients are elderly and often have other existing health conditions that require them to rely on family and friends for transportation assistance.

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My partners and I at RCA strongly promote our patients to consider all dialysis treatment options, including transplantation and home dialysis, especially for this rural population, where travel is a factor. The integration of the dialysis treatment regimen with the patient's lifestyle should be as balanced as possible for a better quality of life.

I am very pleased to give my full support for this proposed facility. I strongly urge the Board to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Sparrow, M.D.
President



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Dear Mr. Galassie:

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I am a nephrologist practicing in central Illinois with ten other nephrologists. We cover an area that stretches from Bloomington to Macomb. I am writing to encourage the Board to recognize the need for another dialysis clinic in North Pekin to serve my patients. I currently admit patients to the Fresenius Pekin facility as well as to the Fresenius Peoria facilities.

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The Pekin facility has been operating above 80% for many years and it has been my experience that new patients to dialysis are generally admitted to the last shift of the day. The preferred shifts are the first and second of the day and are the first ones to fill up. The last shift starts in the early evening and patients finish treatment around eight o'clock at night. This is hard on the patients, especially the elderly, who might have to drive long distances on desolate county roads. They do not have access to any type of county or public transportation at this hour and must rely on friends or family members who may also be elderly. Since dialysis treatments are three times weekly, this is an enormous inconvenience for them.

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Currently, at the Pekin facility, approximately 60% of our patients are over the age of 65. As a physician, I want my patients to have the most unproblematic dialysis experience possible. This is why I am supporting additional access to dialysis services in this area. The only daytime treatment schedule available for a new patient is a long distance away in Peoria. It is not in my patient's best interest to refer them for treatment that far away and I would not generally do so unless I am left with no choice. I desire more options for my patients so that receiving treatment is not completely overwhelming. Often times I have seen patients discontinue dialysis due to the difficulties encountered.

I therefore, respectfully, request that you consider the demands put on the dialysis patients and grant additional access to treatment in this area. Thank you for your time and attention to this vital matter.

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Sincerely,

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William T. Fleming
Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Galassie:

My name is G. Jack Desatnick, and I sit on the Board of Directors of Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Foundation. We are a non-profit organization that helps with the financial needs of dialysis patients. The purpose of this letter is to state my full support for the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin dialysis center. This proposed facility would answer the current need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of the rural Tazewell County as well as the more populated Pekin/North Pekin area. We have an aging population that is more prone to the diseases that cause kidney failure. Along with dialysis, they are also dealing with other chronic conditions.

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