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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 Steve Thompson and I am the President and CEO for Easter Seals in central Illinois. This 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. Though Easter Seals predominantly serves young children with developmental disabilities, we are supportive of efforts like this one that promotes ease of family access to needed services.

Steven R. Thompson
President & CEO

Having the North Pekin clinic in this location would greatly benefit our community by minimizing the challenge of traveling to and from treatment. Driving long distances is a hardship on an elderly patient, who is often ill after their treatment. In addition, it places extra difficulties on the family and friends who may be involved in transporting the patient.

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As an organization committed to ensuring that people with disabilities have equal opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their communities, we are supportive of this facility and ask that the Board vote in favor of the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin dialysis clinic. It will most certainly improve the quality of place and the quality of life for those living with chronic conditions which require dialysis.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven R. Thompson", written over a horizontal line.

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