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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing to support the application submitted by Fresenius Medical Care to build a dialysis facility in North Pekin, Illinois. This application is Project # 12-004, Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin. I know that this project was issued as an "intent to deny" when presented to the board in June, and that subsequent to that meeting another application for a Pekin unit was submitted by a joint venture of Dr. Usman and Davita. However, I continue to support the original Fresenius application and request that the Board approve this at your September meeting.

I am currently a patient of Dr. Rosborough at RenalCare Associates. I see him in the Morton office for hypertension. While I am not currently in need of dialysis, the closest facility to me would be Pekin. I am a 68 year old single woman who also suffers from asthma and COPD. As a nurse who has worked in the medical community for 30 plus years, I know that at some point in my care, I may require dialysis. I am concerned to think I may have to drive myself 3 times a week to Peoria for dialysis especially in the winter months.

I have heard good things about Fresenius from some friends on dialysis. They are currently doing a fine job serving Pekin and many of the other small towns in central Illinois. They have been here for a long time. Where has DaVita been all this time? Why haven't they been helping all our small communities by providing dialysis? Why punish Fresenius for being here and helping our community? This makes no sense to me. **Seems to me that the small guy (us patients) is getting forgotten in all the politics!**

Mr. Galassie, it seems like the people in Pekin really need a new dialysis unit. It is a hardship for people with ailing health who go through dialysis to arrange transport or drive extra miles. **PLEASE allow the people who have been here, know our community and who have already demonstrated a commitment to us patients to build a dialysis facility in North Peoria! Please allow Fresenius to build the Pekin dialysis unit.**

Sincerely,



Connie Dullard

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I am writing on behalf of my mother who is currently a patient of Dr. Rosborough at RenalCare associates. She is 68 and in poor health due to her hypertension and lung condition. I am also writing as a nurse who has had the pleasure of working with the RenalCare Associates physicians and Fresenius Medical Care staff and patients.

As a 22 year experienced nurse who currently teaches nursing and who is certified in both emergency nursing and education, I recognize and look for high standards of care. I have witnessed these high standards of care in relation to my mother's care. Dr. Rosborough is a board certified hypertensionalist who has kept my mother healthy and has helped to prevent the progression of kidney disease. She has received outstanding care from EXPERIENCED physicians.

My dealings with Fresenius have been in the nursing capacity. They have helped to educate my nursing students and patients about their renal disease. They maintain high standards of care and expectations of their staff and work hard to provide good care to them.. All you have to do is look at their quality data to know they do an excellent job.

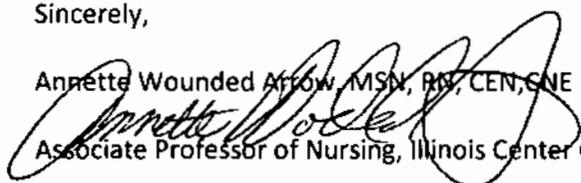
I want you to know that I am concerned to know that if my mother has to start dialysis, she would probably be going to Peoria three times a week. As I work, she would have to drive herself or arrange transportation. This would create a great hardship for our family to assist with transportation.

Mr. Galassie, as a concerned family member and professional, I am respectfully asking you to reconsider your intent to deny. I am sure you have family. Wouldn't you want what was best for your family too? Please approve the Fresenius proposal to build a dialysis unit in North Pekin!

Sincerely,

Annette Wounded Arrow, MSN, RN, CEN, CNE

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I am currently a patient of Dr. Roseborough of RenalCare Associates. Back in 1994 I was sent to Dr. Roseborough due to my blood pressure my father and passed away with PKD. After all the testing Dr. Roseborough was able to diagnose me with PKD since then I have been under his care. I believe in my doctor and his help to prolong me going on dialysis. I would not go to another doctor their knowledge and support along with helping to try and stay up with the latest medicines and treatment for or disease which there is no cure or treatment except dialysis or transplant.

Because the current Pekin dialysis facility is full, patients who must begin dialysis facility is full, patients who must begin dialysis often have to drive to Peoria for their treatments I am not sure how you feel but once you have gone through dialysis you are weak, very tired and it is not always safe for you to be driving that far in this condition not to mention all the road construction you run into to get home. One never knows for sure how you will feel after your treatment not everyone has someone to drive them home or be with them.

Fresenius has operated the Pekin dialysis facility for several years. They have also provided dialysis to Pekin Hospital patients. Fresenius has shown their commitment to Pekin and surrounding communities, providing dialysis services when no other company was interested in doing so. There is no need to have a company that has not shown this commitment come and compete with Fresenius. I don't understand why we can't put the money towards research, education and improving the service that is provided to our patients here instead of building the same that is being done in Pekin instead of building something in Peoria.

The Fresenius project has widespread community support as is evidenced by their application. Even those who oppose this project agree that Pekin residents truly need another dialysis unit and should not be expected to drive to Peoria for treatment three days per week. I ask that you approve the Fresenius proposal to build a dialysis facility in North Pekin.

Sincerely,


Sherry Beckemeyer

PKD patient