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My name is Aaron Cook. 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 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.

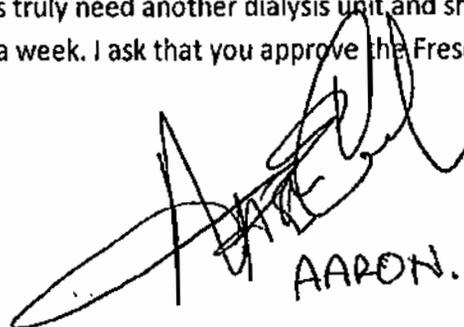
I am currently a patient of Dr. Sader. I myself had declining kidney function/ kidney failure. I was facing the fact that I would soon be on dialysis myself which is very overwhelming to say the least. Dr. Sader arranged a tour of the Fresenius unit in East Peoria. I was in awe at the professionalism that I witnessed. Everyone I met was friendly and courteous. As I watch I sense a genuine feeling of caring for their patients. It wasn't just a job to them. There was a feeling of safety because the staff was very knowledgeable and efficient as they went about their job.

Because the Pekin dialysis facility is full, patients who must begin dialysis often have to drive to Peoria for their treatments. The farther away a unit is the more difficult it is for the patients to find the help they need. They may not have a dependable vehicle or maybe they don't drive at all. They may be elderly or very young or just unable to drive because of their illness. You then have to find someone who is able and willing to give of their time and sometimes their resources to bring you to and from dialysis. It not only a hardship for the patient. It is a hardship for the people involved with your care. Sometimes riding or driving in a car for a long period is difficult because of your physical health condition.

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. Being a recent kidney transplant patient I myself have not had to dialyze but should the need arise a Fresenius unit in North Pekin would be very convenient for me. Fresenius is worldwide. A company has to have a good name for themselves to become that big and if their workers and patients weren't satisfied they would not have grown to the size they are today.

An outside large company and the Dr. owning such company does not in itself improve the quality of care the patient receives. It is the combined cooperation and teamwork of all involved, from the care and monitoring of the water/ supplies used/ machine maintenance/and the testing involved to insure the safety of the workers and the patients. Fresenius has a proven track record of all of that and more.

The Fresenius project has a 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 treatments three day a week. I ask that you approve the Fresenius proposal to build a dialysis facility in North Pekin.



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07/05/2012

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

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a physician in the Family Practice specialty and have been practicing in Pekin, Illinois, for 21 years. I am writing to support the application submitted by Fresenius Medical Care to build a dialysis facility in North Pekin, Illinois. I am aware that another application for a Pekin dialysis unit was submitted, but I continue to support the original Fresenius application and request that the Board approve this at your September meeting.

The medical need for an additional unit in Pekin is inarguable. Dialysis patients are often elderly and very ill; travel is difficult and costly in these days of high gasoline prices. Pekin patients, and their family members who transport them, need to have dialysis available in their own community.

As a physician, I have enjoyed a very positive working relationship with the RenalCare Associates physicians and staff. They are excellent, well-trained physicians, easily accessible, and provide top-quality care to my and other area physicians' patients. Because these physicians work closely with Fresenius, I am confident that the quality and service provided the patient are excellent; such has been the experience of my patients that have been treated in the existing Pekin facility.

Fresenius has exhibited a commitment to the Pekin community, the Pekin hospital, and Pekin residents. I am supporting the company that has proven themselves in the area as a premiere organization. I see no reason to experiment with an outside new provider when the one we have is exemplary.

As we focus on patient rights and care on a national level, I am in hopes that the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board will rule on behalf of the Pekin patient community, and approve the original application submitted by Fresenius Medical Care.

Sincerely,



Curtis William Fisher II, DO

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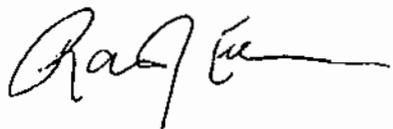
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I have known the RenalCare physicians for many years. They are quality physicians and I have received excellent care. I am in support of the new dialysis unit. I want Fresenius to be allowed to build the new dialysis unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Galassie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.