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Dale Galassie, Chairman

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

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 July meeting.

My mother is a patient at RenalCare Associates. She is a patient of Dr. Sader. She was in the hospital with acute renal failure. We thought that she was going to have to start dialysis but Dr. Sader worked a miracle and thankfully she does not have to start it yet. During my mother's hospitalization, we worked with many nurses including the nurses from Fresenius. They were very helpful and educational about the dialysis process. As a nurse, I am appreciative of the little things that were done to help with the care of my mother.

Based upon my experience with the Fresenius unit, both my mom and myself would like to go on record and say that we are in support of Fresenius building their dialysis unit in Pekin. Patients need to know that they will be cared for by caring and proficient staff. This has been our experience with Fresenius.

Sincerely,



Roy (and Ramona) Baker

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I am currently a patient of Dr. Phillip J. Olsson of RenalCare Associates. I have been a patient of Dr. Olsson since 2003 and he was also my mother's doctor. My mother was a patient of Dr. Olsson for close to twenty years, mom's been gone now for twenty three years. I just want you to have some idea how long RenalCare Associates have been giving good quality care to the families in Pekin Illinois. Myself I have used the Fresenius Medical Care unit for education on dialysis and the different options I had for dialysis. I have also toured one of their facilities and meet with some of their friendly staff as they explained to me and my wife what we could expect when I started dialysis.

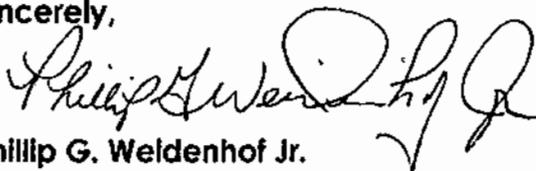
Because the current Pekin dialysis facility is full, patients who must begin dialysis often have to drive to Peoria for their treatments. When my mother was alive there was no dialysis unit in Pekin at all so for seventeen plus years she had to travel to Peoria for her treatments. Now they have a dialysis unit in Pekin but because it's full I'll have to travel to Peoria also until an opening becomes available. Which could be years. Since we only have one car my wife will have to drive me over and pick me up afterwards if she needs the car. That's only as long as I can safely drive a car. The thing is the current Pekin dialysis unit is only two miles from our house. If they are allowed to build another unit in North Pekin

we'll still be only five to ten minutes away instead of sixty to seventy minutes away depending on traffic.

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. Fresenius has shown time and time again to the people of central Illinois that they care as they have strived to improve their care and service to this area. Now they want to build a new dialysis unit in my neighborhood making life easier on me and my family and another company wants to stop them. To me this does not seem right, why should all the patient's in the Pekin area be forced to continue to travel for treatment when the Fresenius Medical Care group wants to build a facility in our own back yard.

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 treatments three days per week. I ask that you approve the Fresenius proposal to build a dialysis facility in North Pekin.

Sincerely,



Phillip G. Weldenhof Jr.

Dale Gillespie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Mr. Gillespie

I am sending this letter in support of the application submitted by Fresenius Medical Care to build a dialysis facility in North Pekin.

I am aware that this project was issued an "intent to deny" when presented to the Board in June, that another application for a Pekin unit was submitted by Dr Usman and Davita.

I support the original Fresenius application and request that the Board approve this at the September meeting.

I am currently a patient of Dr. Sparrow of Renal Care Associates. I had kidney failure in February and under Dr Sparrow's care was able to begin the process of regaining my strength thru dialysis for 4 hours, 3 days a week. Dr Sparrow was able to secure a place for me at the Pekin Fresenius Medical Care facility where I get excellent care. Any questions I have are answered immediately and to my understanding. The techs and nurses make sure I am comfortable and monitor my dialysis regularly.

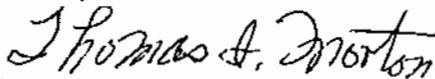
I understand that there are patients who have to drive to Peoria because the Pekin lab is full. I can understand the hardships of driving out of town for treatment as I drive 30 minutes to the lab for my treatments. It would definitely be a hardship for me to drive into Peoria not only in time and miles but also in getting around the larger city. It is tiring to be in the vehicle for any length of time, in fact my wife still drives me back and forth to dialysis as my strength has not completely returned at this time.

I have heard good things about the care given by Fresenius and being a patient can attest to that as well. I am satisfied with Fresenius and would not go to another lab if one was available.

Fresenius has been providing service to the area when no other company was interested so I see no need for a company who showed no interest in the past to come into the community.

I encourage you to vote "approval" for this application (#12,004) for another Fresenius Medical Care dialysis facility in North Pekin, Illinois.

Sincerely,



Thomas I. Morton