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Mr. Constantino:

Attached is a letter of support from Oak Forest Mayor Hank Kuspa for the planned Fresenius dialysis facility in our community. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you.

Jim Richmond
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Re: Fresenius Medical Care Oak Forest (No. 12-012)

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I would like to let you know that I enthusiastically support the development of the new dialysis facility that Fresenius Medical Care plans to open in Oak Forest. I believe residents of the city of Oak Forest will benefit from the center in many ways.

First and foremost, the clinic will increase access to medical care for Oak Forest residents. Changes at Oak Forest Hospital last year affected many residents and there are patients who now must travel outside the area for medical care. While we are pleased to see the hospital continue as an outpatient facility, I believe Fresenius's center will complement its operation by providing outpatient dialysis services to many people that reside in Oak Forest and beyond.

It is also my understanding that the need for dialysis services is growing in Oak Forest at a pace much faster than average in Illinois, and I want to be sure we are prepared to provide the necessary services for our residents today, tomorrow and years from now. Prior to my election as mayor, I served on the Oak Forest Plan Commission. I understand and appreciate the value of planning for future generations. Toward that end, we have focused our efforts as a City on attracting new business and encouraging new investment in our community.

We do welcome the economic activity that will be generated by the new dialysis facility, which represents an investment of about \$3.5 million dollars by Fresenius Medical Care, and is expected to create more than 15 jobs. The City of Oak Forest looks forward to that investment and for the Fresenius dialysis facility to provide life-sustaining medical care to residents of Oak Forest, as well as other communities.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Kuspa, Mayor
City of Oak Forest