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Mr. Constantino,
Please accept the attached letter of support for Fresenius Medical Care and do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you further information.

Sincerely,
Michelle Mussman

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Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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Re: Fresenius Medical Care Schaumburg (No. 12-015)

Dear Mr. Constantino,

As state Representative of the 56th District, I would like to make the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board aware of my strong support for Fresenius Medical Care's proposed Schaumburg dialysis treatment center.

It has been brought to my attention that existing dialysis facilities in the Schaumburg area are currently operating at or above capacity. The result is that many local residents have had difficulty scheduling dialysis treatment, and are forced to take whatever openings remain, regardless of their circumstances.

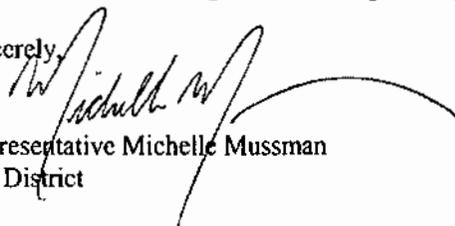
One of my biggest priorities in office has been working to protect the interests of our district's senior citizens. Many dialysis patients are elderly, and for them treatment can be especially taxing given its frequency and duration. Most patients need treatment three days a week, for up to five hours at a time.

Considering that many senior dialysis patients also suffer from other ailments, such as heart conditions and nerve pain, that can be a lot to handle. We need to do what we can to make treatment as easy and efficient for these patients as possible, and that means ensuring they have adequate access to medical care.

Another matter is the issue of travel to and from the clinic, as a great number of seniors can no longer drive and must rely on public transportation or rides from friends and family to dialysis appointments. Some are able to take advantage of Medicaid and PACE paratransit programs, but those services are stretched thinner than ever. The "car pool" nature of these programs can also add additional hours to the trip, as patients have to wait for others to finish treatment before heading home.

We owe it to our seniors to make sure they are getting access to the medical care they deserve. I believe Fresenius's Schaumburg clinic would go a long way toward helping us serve this need in our district.

Sincerely,


Representative Michelle Mussman
56th District