

PROJECT HEARING REPORT

Project: 12-052

Tazewell County Dialysis, Pekin

July 18, 2012

On July 18, 2012, Board Staff (Avery, Kendrick, and Roate), conducted a public hearing for Project 12-052, Tazewell County Dialysis, Pekin. The hearing was held at 10:00 a.m., Pekin City Hall, located at 111 South Capitol Street, Pekin. Board member in attendance: David Penn

The following summarizes the attendance figures:

Individuals who registered their attendance at the hearing: 56

Support: 17

Oppose: 16

Total individuals registered: 89

This report contains letters/written copies of testimony from the following individuals/groups:

Timothy A. Pflederer, M.D.

Keith Steffen, President/CEO, OSF Medical Center

Ismail Shakaib, M.D.

Deborah Berardi, Canton

Jack Desatnick, Board member, Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Foundation

Bill Fleming, Executive Director, Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce

Curtis William Fisher, M.D.

Phillip J. Olsson, M.D.

Connie Torrey-Romanus RN

Jill Humes, RN, BSN

Annette Wounded Arrow, MSN, RN, CEN, CNE

Connie Dullard, RN

Rick Stotz, Regional Vice President, Fresenius Medical Care

Robert Sparrow, M.D., and Timothy Pflederer, M.D. IL Kidney Disease & Hypertension Center

Thomas Morton

Aaron Cook

Roy & Ramona Baker

Wilma Garber, Pekin

William Sidell

Cindy Emley, Regional Operations Director, DaVita, Inc.

Ahsan Usman, M.D., Medical Director Tazewell County Dialysis

Marissa Holloway, Business Development Specialist, DaVita, Inc.

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HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW

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Facility Name: Tazewell County Dialysis

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Ruth K Snyder

Address 928 W SHOREWOOD CT

City Dunlap State IL Zip _____

Signature Ruth K Snyder

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) CATHERINE Ripper

Address 17472 Lake Knolls Rd

City ROKON State IL Zip 61554

Signature Catherine Ripper

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Renal Care Frc.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Patricia Fuller

Address 360 S. Fulton

City Banner State IL Zip 61520

Signature Patricia Fuller

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Phillip G. Weidenhof Sr

Address 2403 Apple ST.

City Peekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Phillip G. Weidenhof Sr

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Renal Care Ass.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Thomas - Ellen Morter

Address 27299 Toboggan Ave

City Hopedale State IL Zip 61747

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Diana Kelly

Address 3000 N. Main

City East Peoria State IL Zip 61611

Signature Diana Kelly

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Harbor Light Hospice - supporting
Dr Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Patti Polk

Address 2127 W. Ardell Pl.

City Peoria State IL Zip 61604

Signature Patti Polk

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Harbor Light Hospice for Dr. Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Brittany Simpson

Address 1222 Summer St

City Pekin State Illinois Zip 61554

Signature Brittany Simpson

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Lisa Louwers

Address 1222 Summer

City Pekin State ILL Zip 61554

Signature Lisa Louwers

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Barbara Tidaback

Address 1705 Summit Dr.

City PeKin State Illinois Zip 61554

Signature Barbara Tidaback

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Ginsey Campbell

Address 1706 Valley Vista

City Dekin State Illinois Zip 61554

Signature Ginsey Campbell

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Lindsay Prince

Address 301 South St.

City Perin State IL Zip 62554

Signature Lindsay Prince

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Michelle Martinez

Address 1400 N 11th St

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Michelle Martinez

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Concerned citizen for more dialysis options

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Rebecca Bishop

Address 1105 Park Avenue

City PeKin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Rebecca Bishop

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Dialysis Unit to be allowed to operate in PeKin.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jeff Lickiss

Address 1003 W. Westwood

City Perry State IL Zip 61614

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Lynard Guengerich

Address 801 meadow lane

City Manito State IL Zip 61546

Signature Lynard Guengerich

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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concerned citizens for more options for dialysis

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) MARY ANDERSON

Address 309 E CHAMBERLIN ST

City DIXON State ILL Zip 61021

Signature Mary Anderson

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Linda Cooper

Address 2159 Knox Rd 300N

City Yates City State IL Zip 61572

Signature Linda Cooper

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Human Right Hospice Supporting
Dr Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Julie Burrell

Address 1919 Liberty Ct.

City Peoria State IL Zip 61554

Signature J. Burrell

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Carol A Smith

Address 812 S 10th

City Peoria State Ill Zip 61554

Signature Carol A Smith

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DONALD L SMITH

Address 812 So TENTH ST

City PEKIN State ILL Zip 61554

Signature Donald L. Smith

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) STEVEN BEYER

Address 2500 N. MAIN ST STE 1A

City East Peoria State IL Zip 61611

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Affiliated Home Dialysis, LLC

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

Support is needed for patients wishing a home dialysis option in the Peoria market. Patients are not being given honest education on available dialysis options.



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) JANET K. LAWSON

Address 1304 SOMMERSET ST.

City PEKIN State IL Zip 61554

Signature Janet K. Lawson

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION
 Name (Please Print) Patsy A. Bowers
 Address 1735 Valle Vista Blvd
 City Peekin State IL Zip 61554
 Signature Patsy A. Bowers

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)
 Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION
 Name (Please Print) Sherry Simon
 Address 1724 Mitchem St
 City Pekin State IL Zip 61554
 Signature Sherry Simon

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)
 Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Anne Webster

Address 914 N. Catright St

City Chillicothe State IL Zip 61523

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Row Little

Address 1114 Apache Lane

City Peoria State IL Zip 61607

Signature Ronald Little

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Harbor Light Hospice

Super Dr Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Kimberly Farmer

Address 143 Justice Dr.

City East Peoria State IL Zip 61611

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Harbor Light Hospice

Working in healthcare, we support patient choice. There should be choices available.

There are also lack of convenience for the patient due to limited dialysis times at close locations.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Hallie DeCapp R.N.

Address 1110 W. Locust

City Canton State IL Zip 61520

Signature Hallie DeCapp RN

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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I have currently worked as a nurse in different fields that dialysis is needed. Director of nursing services. I feel we are lacking with resources for these patients limiting only 1 in the Peoria area! Patients deserve choice.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Deborah Berardi

Address 1200 E. Juniper St.

City Canton State IL Zip 61520

Signature Deborah Berardi

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Dr. Zisman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Leigh Ann Matthews

Address 111 S. Capitol Street

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Leigh Ann Matthews

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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City of Pekin, Economic Development

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Eugene R. Hooker

Address 301 Fairlane

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Eugene R. Hooker

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Beth Dean, LCSW

Address 1516 E. Court

City Peoria State IL Zip 61615

Signature Beth Dean

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Harbor Light Hospice

In support of Dr. Usman's dialysis facility to provide additional services for patients. To improve quality of care and fair trade.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Felicia Yoder

Address 505 E. Monroe St.

City Morton State IL Zip 61550

Signature Felicia Yoder

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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I am here to support the cause
to have another dialysis center in
the Pekin area.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Linda Cobb

Address 305 E Monroe St

City Morton State IL Zip 61550

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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I am here to support this
project to have another dialysis
in this area (PeKin)

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) YVES MAKHOUL, MD

Address ~~5400~~ 600 South 13th St, Surt. L

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature *Yves Makhoul, MD*

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Dr USman, Ahsan

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) JILL LUFT

Address 3513 Cattail Cove

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Jill A Luft

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Dr. Usman - Davita Dialysis
new business

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Retired Senator Dick Luft + P.T.

Address 3513 Cattail Cove

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Dr. A. Usman + Davita Dialysis Unit
New business request for
Pekin IL.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jagdish Patel

Address 29 Hampton Ct

City Morton State IL Zip 61550

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)
concerned citizens

Dr. Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) CHARLOTTE WEBB

Address 316 KASKASKIA RD.

City MAR. HGTS. State IL Zip 61554

Signature Charlotte Webb

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Dr Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jennie Stark

Address 1303 Georgianne

City Lekin State Il Zip 61546

Signature Jennie Stark

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Mr. Hanson

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Larry Burris

Address 13317 Walnut

City Manito State IL Zip _____

Signature Larry A. Burris

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW

Public Hearing Appearance Only Registration Form

Facility Name: Tazewell County Dialysis

Project Number: 12-052

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Odessa Story

Address 516 KASKASKIA

City MARQUETTE HILLS State FL Zip _____

Signature Odessa Kay Story

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

As Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

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Facility Name: Tazewell County Dialysis

Project Number: 12-052

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Bobbie Burris

Address 13317 Walnut

City Manito State IL Zip 61546

Signature Bobbie Burris

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Dr Usman

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) PATEL AIPESHKUMAR

Address 125 Heather view Dr

City E. Peoria State IL Zip 61611

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Concerned citizens

Dr. Usman.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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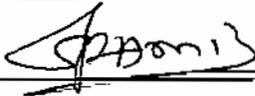
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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Suresh Amin

Address 505 Stillwater Dr

City Chillicothe State IL Zip 61523

Signature 

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

JIGER M PATEL

Address

210 E Ashland ST

City

MORTON

State

IL

Zip

61552

Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION

(This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

CONCERNED CITIZENS

Dr. Usman

III. POSITION

(Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Dr. Nani Moazzam

Address 8 Olympia Fields

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Siebert Moazzam PC

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jacqueline Reese

Address 1004 Augusta

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Jacqueline Reese

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Comfort Plus Hospice

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Connie Sailor

Address 1402 S Lee

City Morton State IL Zip 61550

Signature Connie Sailor

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Comfort Plus fhspace

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jessica Donahoo

Address 4010 N. Brandywine drive Apt. 621

City Peoria State IL Zip 61614

Signature Jessica Donahoo

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

comfort plus hospice

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Margaret S. Post

Address 29 Hamilton Ct

City Morgan State DC Zip 61510

Signature M.S. Post

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Concerned Citizens

DC, U.S. MAN

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Anna Cooper

Address 1101 N. Clark Street, Suite 4200

City Chicago State IL Zip 60601

Signature Anna M Cooper

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Dalita Inc

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

DEIDIA NAVIA

Address

100 WINTER CT

City

E. PEORIA

State

IL

Zip

61611

Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

II.

REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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CONCERNED CITIZENS

DR. USMAN

III.

POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jordan Lorenz

Address 2400 N. 8th St.

City Peoria State IL Zip 61554

Signature Jordan Lorenz

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Comfort Plus Hospice

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) FRANK TIDABACK

Address 1705 SUMMIT DRIVE

City PEKIN State IL Zip _____

Signature Frank W Tidaback

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Timothy A. Pflederer

Address 25655 Iron Mountain Rd

City Tremont State IL Zip 61568

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)
RenalCare Associates

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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Witness Testimony Registration Form

County Dialysis

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) WILLIAM SIDELL

Address 470 SHERWOOD DR.

City PEKIN State IL Zip 61554

Signature William Sidell

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

PRESENTING DIALYSIS FACILITY

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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Public Hearing Testimony Registration Form

Facility Name: Tazewell County Dialysis

Project Number: 12-052

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) CINDY Emley

Address 4268 White chapel CT

City Springfield State IL Zip 62711

Signature Cindy Emley

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Dadita Healthcare

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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Public Hearing Testimony Register

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Laurie Barra

Address 9 Rainbow

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Laurie Barra

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) City of Pekin

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Other

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

No written copy



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Facility Name: Tazewell County Dialysis

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) AHSAN USMAN

Address 5811 W. Ivybridge Place

City Peoria State IL Zip 61615

Signature Ahsan Usman

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Keith Steffen

Address USF HealthCare - Joint Floor

City Peoria State IL Zip _____

Signature Keith Steffen

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

NO WRITTEN
TESTIMONY PROVIDED



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Marissa Holloway
Address 445 Parkview Place Dr
City Ellisville State MO Zip 63026
Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)
Davita Health Care

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
 Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)
 Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DR. C. William Fisher

Address _____

City PERU State IL Zip _____

Signature C. William Fisher

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

ABC

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Bill Fleming

Address 466 Wildwood

City Groveland State IL Zip 61535

Signature William F. Fleming

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce

402 Court

Pekin, IL 61554

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) G. JACK Desatnick

Address 220 Cloverfield

City Chillicothe State IL Zip 61523

Signature G Jack Desatnick

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

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FOUNDATION

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Deborah Berardi

Address 1200 Juniper St.

City Canton State IL Zip 61520

Signature Deborah Berardi

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

A concerned diabetes patient

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Phillip J. Olsson MD

Address 200 E. Pennsylvania Ave Suite 212

City PEORIA State IL Zip 61603

Signature *Phillip J. Olsson*

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

RenalCare Associates / Fresenius

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) PARESH PATEL

Address 328 S. 4th St.

City Challicothe State IL Zip 61523

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mack Brining

Address 8313 W. Vicki Lynn

City Mapleton State IL Zip 62547

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DR. Mohammed. Shakaeb

Address 1908 Geneva Rd.

City Peoria State IL Zip 61615

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Davita.

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) JAMALUDDIN AMANULLAH

Address Comprehensive Healthcare PC, 2401 Broadway

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Judd All

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Sole private practitioner (Primary Care Physician)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DREW NASH

Address 409 S. 13th ST.

City PEKIN State IL Zip 61554

Signature Drew A. Nash

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DEBRA HINDERLITER

Address 336 CHESTNUT

City PEKIN State IL Zip 61554

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) EDMUND L. GRATHAM

Address 211 N. ORCHARD ST - P.O. BOX 76

City MACKINAW State IL Zip 61755

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Victor L. Morrissey

Address 306 Parkway Cr.

City Pekin State IL Zip 61554

Signature Victor L. Morrissey

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Connie Torrey - Romanus
Address 413 W Lawndale Ave
City Peoria State IL Zip 61604
Signature Connie Torrey - Romanus

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)
Fresenius Medical Care

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Robert Sparrow, MD
Address 9805 Townsend Dr.
City Peoria State IL Zip 61615
Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care) RenalCare Associates

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

DECLINED TO SPEAK



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) JEFF LICKISS LICKISS

Address 1003 W. Westwood

City Peoria State IL Zip 61614

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Clare Renalli

Address _____

City Chicago State IL Zip _____

Signature Clare Renalli

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

F. Ferguson

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mindy Brooks

Address 1729 Valley Vista

City Rekin State IL Zip 621554

Signature Mindy S. Brooks

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

renal care patient

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

DEFERRED

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Kenneth Fuller

Address 360 S. Fulton

City Banner State IL Zip 61520

Signature Kenneth Fuller

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Solene Jenkins

Address 810 LeDalle Blvd,

City Manquette Heights State IL Zip 62554-1438

Signature Solene Jenkins

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
 Name (Please Print) CONNIE DULLARD
 Address 212 N. KANSAS
 City MORTON State ILL Zip 61550
 Signature Connie Dullard

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
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Patient - Renal Care Associates

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
 Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)
 Oral Written



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My name is Tim Pflederer and I am Medical Director of the Fresenius Pekin dialysis unit. Thank you for allowing me to speak in opposition to the proposed Tazewell County dialysis facility. Dr. Usman and DaVita have argued that bringing in a competitor is good for our community. This is not correct and would be a significant mistake.

Lower cost and higher quality in healthcare comes mainly from providers working together to keep patients healthy and out of the hospital. For many years, RenalCare Associates has been focusing on developing cooperative relationships with our area hospitals, dialysis units and others because this is good for patients and the priority of healthcare reform. Fresenius has been a committed partner here in central Illinois with a common patient centered focus. When doctor Usman expressed a desire to establish nephrology practice, we attempted to find a way to have similar cooperation but found that he did not share our priorities in patient care. He chose instead to compete.

So what has happened with this competition? I will share 3 specific examples that illustrate some potential negative results of competition.

Dr. Usman currently cares for 4 patients in the Fresenius Pekin facility, 3 of whom changed from our practice. When asked why they made that change, each commented that they were approached by Dr. Usman or one of his hospital associates and offered opportunity to dialyze fewer days per week, shorter treatment times or told they might receive a kidney transplant more rapidly in a transplant center where Dr. Usman trained. Fewer treatments and shorter dialysis are recognized as risk factors for poorer outcomes. And established laws, not physician "connections", regulate transplantation and the distribution of organs.

Dr. Usman has chosen not to refer patients for dialysis access surgery to the RenalCare transplant surgeons who for many years have done all fistula surgery for this region's patients. Despite clear evidence in the medical literature that surgeons who perform fewer fistula surgeries have poorer outcomes, Dr. Usman has chosen to refer his patients to a surgeon who will do less than 10 fistula surgeries each year rather than the experienced surgeons who each do nearly 200 and have proven results.

Finally, Dr. Usman has chosen to not have his patients participate in a dialysis facility based program that monitors access function and reduces the number of complications. His patients therefore do not benefit from surveillance that Medicare has determined all patients should receive.

Fresenius has demonstrated its commitment to central Illinois patients and to achieving the best outcomes. Bringing in another large national chain dialysis company such as DaVita will not improve patient care. Pekin does not need competition. Pekin needs cooperation – and caregivers whose primary concern is for the patient. I respectfully ask that the Board deny the Tazewell County Dialysis application and approve the original Fresenius application for a new facility to serve our community (Project #12-004).



SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER

July 18, 2012

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board:
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

To the Board:

As President and CEO of OSF Saint Francis Medical in Peoria, Illinois, I had previously offered a letter of support for the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin Project (#12-004). I believe the demand for in-center hemodialysis will increase and the expansion of an existing program with an established track record is the most cost-effective means to achieve incremental capacity. However, I understand that the Board last month issued an "Intent to Deny" to the applicants of that project.

The Tazewell County Dialysis Project (#12-054) application under discussion today is considered an alternative solution to the expansion of dialysis service capacity in the Peoria-Pekin service area. This project constitutes the establishment of a new service with a different facility owner.

In this application, many comments relate to the need for patient choice in dialysis providers. Implicit in the comments is the notion that the substantial market presence of RenalCare Associates and Fresenius presents a barrier to high-quality dialysis care. I would like to submit a counter-perspective to the Board for consideration in its deliberations.

The large operational scale of RenalCare Associates has produced many benefits to the Greater Peoria medical community that should be considered by the Board in its review of this application. A brief history of the development of renal services in the Central Illinois area is worth noting.

The expansion of nephrology services out of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center occurred in the early 1980s. I was directly involved in the process in those early years and our primary focus was the development and growth of services for those patients with End-Stage Renal Disease. There were no regional services for them at that time and, at significant financial risk and loss, Saint Francis Medical Center and RenalCare Associates decided to take the services, as closely as possible, to locations convenient to where the patients resided. This was to alleviate the economic hardship of driving and excessive distances for this critically needed care. Subsequently, the services were expanded to multiple locations in Central Illinois.

The development of this network of service was done and took place within all Certificate of Need (CON) guidelines and without motive to compete with anyone because, in fact, at that time no one else was willing to take the financial and personal risks that were required to provide these needed services to that patient population.

In addition to the development of regional nephrology services, the RenalCare physicians have played a critical role in the development and support of the medical student education and resident physician training in conjunction with the University of Illinois College of Medicine here in Peoria.

Also, many of the tertiary care services available to residents in Central Illinois, such as kidney transplants would not have occurred without the leadership, vision and professional commitments of the RenalCare physicians.

Fresenius Medical Care provides acute inpatient dialysis services to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center and the RenalCare physicians are members of our Medical Staff. This allows continuity of care in the event of a transfer from their facilities to the Medical Center. RenalCare Associates and Fresenius share with us a commitment to continuous improvement, quality and service. They are excellent partners in the service of those who come to us for care.

Certainly, with sixteen physicians and five adjunct medical staff members in the group, the nephrology patients of Central Illinois have ample and abundant choice for their medical and clinical and needs.

RenalCare Associates and Fresenius Medical Care have steadfastly remained faithful to their Mission of concern and service to the patient and, because of that, their services have grown and matured to an outstanding and comprehensive service network that benefits all of Central Illinois. For the reasons stated above, I would support the expansion of dialysis in an existing program, but do not support an expansion through the establishment of a new service in the Greater Peoria area.

Thank you for the opportunity to enter testimony into the public record and to affirm and recommend that expansion of the dialysis unit in Pekin, Illinois, established decades ago by RenalCare Associates, continue with their mission and philosophy of providing quality care with great outcomes as conveniently as possible to the patients we serve.

Sincerely,



Keith Steffen
President & CEO

Ismail Shakaib, M.D.
Tazewell County Dialysis Public Hearing – July 18, 2012

Good morning. My name is Ismail Shakaib, and I will be one of the referring physicians to the proposed Tazewell County dialysis facility. I would like to thank the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for the opportunity to provide support for Tazewell County Dialysis.

As my colleague, Dr. Usman stated in his testimony the increase in the incidence and prevalence of chronic kidney disease (or “CKD”) and end-stage renal disease (or “ERSRD”) is attributed in part to the aging population as well as the rise in the number of individuals suffering from diabetes and hypertension. ESRD patients are chronically ill and usually suffer from multiple co-morbidities. Therefore, their care must be carefully managed to ensure optimal results.

Approval of the proposed Tazewell County Dialysis facility will not result in fragmented care for this vulnerable population. As Cindy Emley stated in her testimony, Tazewell County Dialysis will maintain an open medical staff. Therefore, members of Renal Care Associates and other nephrologists in the community can obtain full privileges and provide care to their dialysis patients at Tazewell County Dialysis. Further, they can participate in designing care plans for their patients as well as quality improvement initiatives at the facility.

While I have only been working with DaVita for a short time, I am impressed with the various quality initiatives DaVita has implemented and the success it has achieved in its clinical outcomes. DaVita never loses sight of the fact that dialysis care is about the patient and collaborates with physicians to develop care plans that are tailored to each patient’s unique health condition. My patients as well as other ESRD patients in the Pekin community would benefit from DaVita’s quality initiatives and programs.

I strongly support the proposed Tazewell County Dialysis and respectfully request the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this application.

Thank you for your time and attention.

July 9, 2012

Dale Galassie, Chairman

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #12-052 Tazewell County Dialysis

Dear Chairman Galassie,

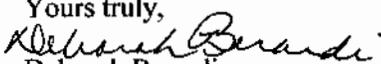
I am writing this letter in support for the establishment of the Tazewell County Dialysis Facility by DaVita. From what I have read and have been informed, there is a definite need for another dialysis facility in the Pekin area. Patients from surrounding areas would utilize the facility.

My husband, Joe, who in the past had served four years on the Fulton County Board and four years on the Canton City Council, was very interested in this project and supported it. He has passed, but I would like to speak for him and myself in support for this project. I was a teacher for 34 years and now am a real estate broker, so I do get out and talk to many people in various fields. I also have diabetes, so of course, I am interested in anything related to that disease. I live in the small community of Canton, IL. I consider Pekin to be very close to this community and often shop and do business there. Many people from this area do the same. (For example, any time we go out to eat, to Menard's, or the Pekin Hospital, we see people from Canton there.) My point is that not only would people from Tazewell Co. benefit from another Pekin facility, but so would those of many other nearby towns in all directions, especially those located East, West, and South of Pekin.

We asked Dr. Usman some important questions about this project and liked his answers. We learned that not only his patients could use this facility, but it could be used by patients of other kidney specialists. We also learned that he planned to accept Medicare patients and the majority of insurance plans for payment. He was interested in all patients getting the care they needed regardless of their payment plans. He spoke from the heart, and we felt he chose his career for the right reasons. He is a dedicated doctor looking to serve his patients.

In addition to helping make dialysis more feasible for patients, a new facility owned by a different company would create healthy competition and options for patients, encouraging both facilities to perform at their best. Lastly, it goes without saying that Dr. Usman plans to buy or has purchased a vacant building in Pekin, which would help to provide additional taxes to the area.

In closing, I urge the board to vote in favor of the proposed Tazewell County Dialysis facility. I can only see good coming from such a project.

Yours truly,

Deborah Berardi

1200 E. Juniper St., Canton, IL 61520

July 18, 2012

Re: #12-052

My name is Jack Desatnick, and I am on the Board of Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Foundation (CIMKF). We are a non-profit organization that helps with the financial needs of dialysis patients. I am therefore, very familiar with the difficulties dialysis patients face. I am here today to voice my opposition to the DaVita Tazewell County application. I am however, highly supportive of the originally proposed Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin application.

Our foundation has been serving dialysis patients in central Illinois for over 30 years and has worked closely with Renal Care Associates most of this time. Dr. Robert Pflederer and his partners have collectively served area patients since dialysis first came to the area. Their commitment to central Illinois patients to provide the highest quality outcomes as well as patient satisfaction is shared by Fresenius Medical Care whom they have chosen to partner with.

I see no need to bring a separate provider into the area simply for the sake of competition. This will disrupt the current cooperative care that has been long established between area hospitals, dialysis clinics, primary care physicians and residents of Pekin. This will not promote quality, but will disjoint it. I agree as both DaVita and Fresenius do that additional access is needed in the Pekin area. Pekin already has a dialysis clinic to serve its residents. It seems a better choice of location to build the clinic in neighboring North Pekin for additional access rather than to duplicate services in Pekin; and Fresenius Medical Care is well equipped and preferred to provide that access.

The Fresenius North Pekin facility will greatly benefit our community by minimizing the challenge of driving to and from treatment. Patients will then have a choice of Pekin or North Pekin creating shorter travel times, which is especially important to this elderly population.

For the sake of the aging population of our region, to the enhance the quality of life for those senior citizens on dialysis and to gain additional access to first rate dialysis services, I urge the Board to deny DaVita Tazewell dialysis and allow Fresenius Medical Care and Renal Care Associates to offer ongoing services to this community by approving the Fresenius North Pekin application.

Thank you



July 18, 2012

Testimony to:
Illinois Public Health Department
Health Facilities and Services Review Board

In Support of: Project #12-052, Tazewell County Dialysis by
DaVita, Inc. and Dr. Usman

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this issue. My name is Bill Fleming and I am the Executive Director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce. I am here to speak in support of the Tazewell County Dialysis project proposed by DaVita, Inc. and Dr. Ahsan Usman.

While I am offering my support of the DaVita project, I am not speaking out against Fresenius or any other service providers. In fact, earlier this year I wrote a letter of support for the proposed Fresenius dialysis center in North Pekin.

The Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the legislative and regulatory actions of government at all levels can have a significant impact on the business community's ability to conduct business in the Pekin area.

The chamber believes all levels of government should encourage the retention and expansion of existing businesses, the relocation of new businesses, and the start-up of new businesses in the Pekin area.

I understand there is an existing dialysis facility in Pekin. I also understand there is a need for additional treatment opportunities. Not only will this facility help meet the local patient demand, it will enhance the quality of life in our community, and fill an empty store front.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this issues.

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July 18, 2012

Re: #12-052, Public Hearing Comments

My name is Dr. Curtis William Fisher. I am a physician in the Family Practice specialty and have been practicing in Pekin for the past 21 years. There is no question in my mind that another clinic is needed in the area as the population is aging and travel outside of Pekin is difficult for dialysis patients. I am here today to support the dialysis clinic proposal made by Renal Care Associates and Fresenius Medical Care.

As a longtime physician in the area, I have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with and have acquired a mutual respect for the Renal Care Associate physicians as well as Fresenius Medical Care. I have first-hand knowledge of their quality of care and expertise with many of my patients who have kidney disease. My patients have experienced exemplary care and compassion at the current Fresenius Pekin Clinic. My patients know them and trust them.

The partnership between Renal Care Associates and Fresenius exhibits an ongoing commitment in the Pekin area and both have proven themselves over and over throughout the years as premier providers of patient care and dialysis services. I see no reason to experiment with new and untried services when we have positive and proven results with our current providers. DaVita is an unknown entity and, to my knowledge, has shown no previous interest in serving patients in the Pekin community

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve and allow the time-tested, proven provider to continue to care for the residents in the Pekin area. I am in support of the original application submitted by Fresenius Medical Care for a clinic in North Pekin.

Curtis William Fisher II, DO

July 18, 2012

Re: #12-052, Dr. Olsson, Public Hearing Comments

My name is Phillip J. Olsson MD FACP, and I am a nephrologist and the senior member of RenalCare Associates (RCA). I have practiced in the Pekin area for over 32 years. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice my opposition to the clinic proposed by DaVita and Dr. Usman, and to explain why I believe the Fresenius North Pekin dialysis clinic, submitted to the Board in January, is the better choice for expansion of Pekin dialysis services.

In the last 15 years RCA has developed an integrated CKD program, open to all physicians, to care for patients throughout the continuum of CKD from diagnosis to end stage renal disease, dialysis, and renal transplantation. We are aggressive in transplanting our patients to get them off of dialysis. The CKD program is designed to preserve renal function, delay onset of dialysis, and avert complications of CKD. Patients are given information on treatment options for kidney failure that allows informed choice regarding renal replacement modalities.

Our dialysis access program is second to none in terms of quality. We have an access screening program in our dialysis units that is markedly improving access function and diminishing morbidity and mortality.

We developed case management programs that have significantly decreased hospitalization rates, length of stay and emergency room visits; improving outcomes and patient satisfaction while reducing costs.

Given our history in the area, our relationships with area providers and proven integration and collaboration on clinical initiatives, we respectfully believe we are best prepared to expand dialysis in the Pekin area. We will do so more efficiently, with lower overall costs and enhanced quality. Competition sounds laudable, but competition per se is not always good.

Because we desire the best for our patients, we are happy to collaborate with high quality medical partners, inside or outside of our group. In addition, Fresenius clinics in the area are open to all nephrologists, including Dr. Usman, who already has patients in those units. Patients do have a choice. As another example, for many years we have happily provided coverage for Dr. Srini, in his Galesburg nephrology practice. We have worked together on dialysis access and transplantation. We have sent him patients often, and he has sent difficult patients to us, which we then return to him when they get discharged from the healthcare facilities. Dr. Srini in Galesburg has been a valued colleague, and now these many years later he has joined our group just this month.

We had hoped when we first met with Dr. Usman that we would be able to have the kind of working relationship with him, that we have had with Dr. Srini, and which would benefit all. We had hoped he might join us in RenalCare Associates; however we found our different goals to be too divergent to form a collegial working relationship.

To date Dr. Usman has demonstrated aggressive marketing and patient recruitment, but he has not yet demonstrated quality dialysis care. We hope that his commitment to quality will

record of high quality and ethical patient care that also reduces costs. However we have not seen that yet, and as he and his partner have been here less than a year, we think it is premature to approve his joint venture with DaVita.

Thank you,

Phillip Olsson, M.D. FACP

RenalCare Associates, SC

Executive Medical Director, OSF Home Care

July 18, 2012

Re: #12-052, Connie Torrey-Romanus, Public Hearing Comments

My name is Connie Torrey-Romanus and I am a registered nurse and the Area Manager for the current Pekin facility. I have worked in this area for over 33 years and have lived here all my life. I am here today to professionally and personally oppose the Tazewell County dialysis clinic proposed by Dr. Usman and DaVita.

I want to address some of the negative comments made by supporters of the Tazewell County clinic. Fresenius Medical Care's quality in the Pekin area far exceeds benchmarks set internally as well as by Health Facilities and Services Review Board rules and CMS guidelines.

Fresenius' Treatment Options Program is a free patient education program held for patients prior to dialysis initiation to educate them on transplant, hemodialysis and home dialysis. The Pekin area, when compared to Fresenius regionally and nationally, has a higher percentage of patients attending these educational sessions. The Pekin area also has fewer patients using catheters for their dialysis access, resulting in higher quality markers.

This is evident in the recent ProPublica website tool that patients can use to compare dialysis clinics. In a comparison of 6 Fresenius central Illinois clinics and 6 DaVita central Illinois clinics near the Pekin market, Fresenius outperformed DaVita. For example, in the quality marker of dialysis adequacy, Fresenius scored 96% to DaVita's 91% and for anemia control Fresenius scored 88% versus DaVita's 82%. I am not implying that DaVita does not provide quality care - I am sure it does. But people here today are definitely implying if not outright stating that Fresenius care is not quality care, and that the DaVita/Usmanclinic would do better. As you can see from the ProPublic comparison document that is just plain wrong.

Patient X said he or she was cold, waited for admission, etc. - I am sure that from time to time patients do have frustrating experiences. Dialysis patients are sick and dialysis generally is not a pleasant process. We treat 310 total patients in Peoria and Pekin, and for one or two to have a complaint is problematic, but I am sure not unusual. We don't want to accept even that and always strive to not only provide quality care, but also take practical steps to make sure our patients have as good an experience as possible and are comfortable when dialyzing. It is insulting to us and somewhat disingenuous though to have two or three patients here try to paint a picture of our providing poor care. They simply are not representative of the overall picture.

Delays in admission - That speaks to why a new clinic is needed. It is difficult to admit patients to Peoria because the first and second shifts are full, and patients do not want to go to the third shift. The Pekin facility is at 94%. This is not a problem caused by Fresenius - it is a result of the need. Fresenius will be heard by the Board next week on its North Pekin project, and I hope it is approved.

Thank you

My name is Jill Humes and I'm a kidney donor. I am here to speak in opposition to the Tazewell county dialysis project and support of Fresenius Medical Care.

My sister Jodi was 17 years old when suddenly diagnosed with kidney disease. It was the summer before her senior year at Pekin High School and my first year at Saint Francis College of Nursing. It was shocking news to hear her primary physician was referring her to RenalCare Associates because her labs showed something was wrong. At the time of referral, RenalCare Associates was the only provider of nephrology care in our area. This was not an issue for us; with the speed and ease with which Jodi was seen and care started, it never crossed our minds to look into other choices. Dr. Horvath was her initial nephrologist, and upon his retirement, there was a smooth transition to Dr. Olsson's care. Her care by both nephrologists was outstanding. We were educated about her disease and its progression and given information, support, and compassion throughout all stages. She finished high school with no delays and began nursing school. At age 21, she had progressed to the point of needing dialysis soon. Once again, we were given the information and attention needed to make informed decisions. Having one dialysis provider available was not an issue for us. We appreciated how quickly and easily RenalCare Associates and the dialysis provider began education and assistance to Jodi and my family. With the support of her doctors and dialysis staff, she experienced a smooth transition to peritoneal dialysis. During this time, I was tested for kidney donation. We met with Dr. Darras, the RenalCare transplant surgeon at that time, and on June 22, 1994, 2 months after her 22nd birthday and my wedding, the transplant was performed at OSF in Peoria. That was the last day that Jodi had to have dialysis to maintain her life. This year it has been 18 years and her kidney continues to function with no complications.

I wish I could explain the impact her RenalCare physicians have had on Jodi and my family. They are truly extraordinary doctors. Jodi lives in Florida now with her husband and their son, working as a nurse. I became an educator for hemodialysis and vascular access. When an opening came at RenalCare Associates for a Vascular Access Coordinator, I didn't hesitate to apply. I'm in my tenth year working for with them and proud to work with a group dedicated to providing the best quality of care for the patients I hold dear. In my experience as a Vascular Access Coordinator, I've worked closely with Fresenius. They are as committed to patients and delivering the best quality as my RenalCare physicians.

I've heard today that Pekin patients need choice and have heard Fresenius and my sister's doctors care questioned. I do not know if Dr. Usman is a good doctor. I do not know if DaVita would provide good care. What I do know is that RenalCare and Fresenius have proven to my family their deep commitment to compassion, service and quality care. We do not need a choice of another dialysis company. We choose Fresenius. I ask that the Board deny the Tazewell County dialysis proposal.

Fresenius CON Hearing

Good morning, my name is Annette Wounded Arrow. I come today to speak in support of the Fresenius/Renal Care project. I do not want DaVita and Dr. Usman opening another dialysis unit here in Pekin.

I come today as an educated healthcare consumer: I am a nurse of 22 years, an associate professor of nursing at Illinois Central College and my mother is a patient of Dr. Rosborough at Renalcare. I have through the years worked with the Fresenius and RCA physicians and staff both as a nurse as well as a family member. Dr. Rosborough is certified in the care of hypertension management. He has been treating her for this for the last 5 years. As a critical care nurse and nursing instructor, I believe he is truly exemplary at what he does.

One thing I think it is important to note about this process. There is a lot of talk about the importance of patients having choice and competition. In my experience with patients- it's not about the choice. It's about the personal connection that the physician makes with the patient; it is about the quality of the care that is provided to the patient and family. They want to know that their physician is going to take the best care of them. These are not things that competition brings. These are things that physicians with a high level of skill and a 30 year commitment to the community bring. My family and I support the new Fresenius unit in Pekin and we are opposed to the DaVita/Usman project. We do not care about a name or a "monopoly". We, like many patients, only want to go where the physician we trust is going to continue to care for us.

I ask that the CON board not forget about the patient in all this..... they are the reason we are here. We choose Fresenius for our dialysis choice and strongly request that DaVita not be allowed to build a unit.

Annette Wounded Arrow, MSN, RN, CEN, CNE

I am currently a patient of Dr. Rosborough at RenalCare Associates. I see him in the Morton office for hypertension. I also

have a history of hypercholesterolemia, and a family history of diabetes. While I do not need dialysis at the present time;

as a retired nurse with 30 years experience, I know that statistically I am at a high risk to have to have dialysis.

As a senior citizen, and having had to travel to Peoria from Morton every day when I worked, I know how difficult it is. At my

age, I would find it very difficult. It would also present transportation problems as I am single and this would place a hardship

on my family, as they have jobs. Access to Pekin is easier for me and would allow me to drive myself.

When I needed to choose a physician to treat my hypertension, I had absolutely no doubt that I wanted a physician from

Renal Care Associates. I have had nothing but excellent care. When I had a problem with my blood pressure, I called and

Dr. Rosborough saw me immediately. I have never had a problem getting answers to questions I may have. I trust the

competency of these doctors.

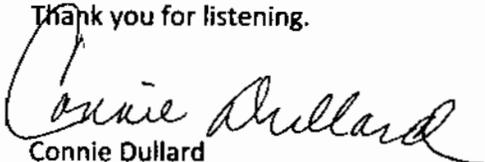
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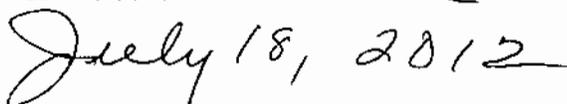
give quality care. I would not switch to DaVita/Usman.

Finally, while I cannot speak for all patients of Renal Care Associates, I do know and have known many of them and I truly

feel that they would have the same opinion and feelings as I do.

Thank you for listening.


Connie Dullard



July 18, 2012

#12-052, Richard Stotz, Public Hearing Comments

My name is Rick Stotz. I am the Regional Vice President for Fresenius Medical Care covering the Pekin area. We oppose the establishment of the Tazewell County dialysis clinic proposed by DaVita and Dr. Usman. There is no question there is a need for more dialysis stations in this area, however Fresenius Medical Care and Renal Care Associates, the physicians we have worked with for many, many years in this area, are better equipped to meet the need.

DaVita's proposal is for a second clinic in the City of Pekin, just a few blocks away from the Fresenius Pekin clinic. We are proposing a new clinic in the city of North Pekin. It does not make sense to build additional access in almost the same exact place. What does make sense and is a better use of healthcare dollars is to provide the additional access in North Pekin. This option will maintain the Pekin resident's current dialysis access close to home and will provide those residents of North Pekin and the area to the West of Pekin access closer to their homes also. Dialysis stations will then be spread out across the Pekin area to better accommodate all area residents. This promotes the good of the whole, not the few.

We are aware of the high utilization at the current Fresenius Pekin clinic, causing some patients to be placed on waiting lists for an earlier daytime treatment schedule, while then having to drive to Peoria for treatment. We sympathize with your plight and early this year proposed to build another clinic in North Pekin to alleviate the current access problems. The Health Facilities Services and Review Board voted an Intent to Deny, but we have another chance to be approved next week. One of the things they said is that a new provider, DaVita, may come into the market and provide choice. However, it is clear that the choice of patients and existing health care providers in the area is Fresenius and RCA.

I oppose the DaVita application in part because I believe what Dr. Usman really wants is not to give patients choice, but to be paid a Medical Director fee. He knows he will not be the Medical Director at the proposed Fresenius clinic - but he would be at the DaVita clinic. He also only has four patients - but RCA has many. He is joint venturing with DaVita so he will be sharing in the profits of the Tazewell center. It will be full of RCA patients and Dr. Usman will get the revenue from a long standing physician practice that has through its efforts over the years grown very successfully. This is unfair and does nothing to ensure quality of care. You have heard the excellent quality statistics RCA and Fresenius have posted in this area. There is absolutely no reason that a DaVita clinic is required, over a Fresenius one, to ensure good quality care. The patient's choice here in Pekin is Fresenius and RCA. They want people they know, people who have cared for the community and worked with local area hospitals for years, and people who have proven they are not in it for the money but for the long haul.

Thank you.



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July 3, 2012

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Re: Fresenius North Pekin project # 12-004

Dear Chairman Galassie,

RenalCare Associates would like to submit this additional letter in support of the Fresenius Medical Care application to construct a dialysis facility in North Pekin. At the June 5th HFSRB meeting, this project was opposed by DaVita and Dr. Ahsan Usman. The basis of their opposition was that Pekin patients should be allowed the choice of competing dialysis companies. They spoke of their intention to submit an application for their own Pekin facility. In issuing the "intent to deny" ruling, several board members included in the reason for their decision that they felt competition would be good. We respectfully believe that this is a significant error, and wish to present information in that regard.

We want to state clearly that we believe patients should have options and be able to make choices about their care. However, we believe that some of the supporters of the Tazewell County Dialysis project (Joint venture Usman/DaVita) Project # 12-052, and possibly some board members, have mistakenly viewed injecting competition as the same as ensuring choice. Competition is something entirely different. It is frequently the case that competition in healthcare leads to fragmentation of care, duplication of services, higher costs, and lower quality. In fact, the latter problems associated with competition are the basis for certificate of need laws, like that in Illinois - fragmentation of care among many different, disconnected and competing healthcare providers - be they physicians, hospitals, dialysis companies, nursing homes, or others - can no longer be tolerated. Providers must develop integrated systems of care that have improving patient outcomes at the core of their focus. Patients then deserve the right to make choices about where they receive their care, which physician they see, what testing or treatment they will receive, and what decisions they will make after hearing the recommendations of the healthcare team. For instance, patients who live in areas dominated by large health systems such as Kaiser Permanente or Geisinger or a large Accountable Care Organization (ACO)



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may not have the practical option of choosing a competing health system. There may be no viable local competitor in a given market. This limitation is never viewed as bad. Indeed these very health systems have been the models used for health care reform because they are getting real results. Time and again, studies have demonstrated that the truly important patient outcomes are improved and costs are contained when care is provided in an integrated manner. This practical limitation in patient choice is acceptable because service, quality, satisfaction and costs are all improved by integration of care.

Pekin patients currently have the ability to choose, and a new Fresenius Pekin facility will increase their options. Patients may choose from 14 nephrologists in two different practices. Patients may choose from 5 different area hospitals to receive inpatient care. Patients may choose from 4 area dialysis facilities for their thrice weekly treatments. If the North Pekin Fresenius unit is approved, patients will be able to choose from a hospital based facility or freestanding facility without deciding to drive outside their community for care. Every dialysis unit is different from the standpoint of facility layout, managers, staff members, numbers of patients, parking – all factors that give unique personality to the facility and which attract (or detract) patients. What does not change from one Fresenius facility to another is a focus on quality and satisfaction. That is evident from these Pekin area units' scores through Medicare's dialysis compare website, The Renal Network, and other quality data. Pekin patients have many choices related to their dialysis and a new Fresenius facility will make that even better. A joint venture dialysis facility owned by Dr. Usman and DaVita will not increase choices (we note in Dr. Usman is free to admit to Fresenius facilities) available to Pekin residents more than a second Fresenius facility, but it will bring competition.

With this in mind – that patients have many options in Pekin related to their dialysis care – one must ask whether purposefully injecting dialysis company competition into our community will also bring benefit. There seems to be an assumption on the part of some that this is the case. We want to suggest that the opposite is true – that indeed, injecting competition will fragment care and lower quality for Pekin patients.

It is clear that the underlying triple aim, promoted by Dr. Donald Berwick former head of CMS, is critical for our country and the priority for healthcare into the future. This triple aim is: 1) improved patient experience of care, 2) improved health of the population, and 3) lower costs. The foundation of achieving these goals is to transform our healthcare system from one of fragmented competition to one of integrated cooperation. A major and broadly recognized deficiency in American Healthcare is that there is no incentive for competing providers to work together towards keeping people healthy and reduce the need for costly hospital care. Today, each provider is focused on competing with others to provide their own service while being paid on a fee for service basis. There is little incentive for the hospital and dialysis unit and physician to work together to keep patients out of the hospital, prevent readmission when patients are discharged or reduce costs through shared efficiencies. Having another provider in the marketplace doesn't change this dynamic.

For several years, RenalCare Associates has recognized this deficiency in healthcare delivery and anticipated the changes that are now becoming reality. We have always worked to provide high quality care, striving to meet or exceed national benchmarking standards when it comes to CKD and ESRD

patient care. On one hand, we have been proud of the consistently high marks that our practice and dialysis facilities receive for quality care. But on the other hand, like the rest of the country, we have noted that delivering care in this manner has not significantly changed the outcomes that matter most to patients – hospitalization rates remain very high, nearly 50% of patients who start dialysis will die in the first year, and every patient on dialysis faces a 20% annual risk of death. It is these outcomes that lead to the greatest suffering and overall cost. Recognizing this deficiency, we began developing strong cooperative relationships with our local hospitals and dialysis facilities with the goal of improving these outcomes.

It is worth mentioning some specific examples of our cooperation and integration of care. RenalCare Associates, OSF, and Methodist worked together as Midwest Kidney Centers to expand delivery of dialysis services from Peoria to many rural communities in central Illinois. This effort brought dialysis to Pekin and residents of other smaller communities who previously were underserved. When it became apparent that economies of scale were increasingly important if we wanted to continue to provide high quality dialysis, we allowed these units to be sold to larger national dialysis companies – first Renal Care Group and then Fresenius Medical Care. These national chains brought improved facilities and equipment, broader services, and greater ability to support our efforts in providing evidence based clinical care. We engaged with these companies to oversee quality as medical directors of the facilities. Through the 1990's we recognized that increasing transplantation and improving dialysis access fistula surgery is key to ESRD patient care. To that end, we merged with our local transplant surgery physician practice to form a single renal disease practice. That allowed us to work even more closely with OSF St. Francis to grow an outstanding kidney transplant program. It also concentrated fistula surgery and other dialysis access procedures into the hands of a few physicians who are truly committed to this field, expert in these procedures, and who have the best outcomes. We recognized that the leading cause of hospitalization for our patients at that time was complications related to their dialysis access. Much of this had to do with delays inherent in getting surgery or other procedures at the hospital. Again, working with the two hospitals where those surgeries were being done, we jointly petitioned for a certificate of need to build a limited focus ambulatory surgery center dedicated solely to providing dialysis access procedures. We opened this Medicare certified facility in 2003 in Morton so that it was as convenient as possible for all of our central Illinois patients. Designed as it is – a “one-stop-shop” for dialysis access surgery and other procedures which serves predominantly Medicare and Medicaid patients – this Renal Intervention Center struggles to break even as a business venture. However, it continues to serve its purpose – patients get very convenient and rapid service; care is coordinated between dialysis, physician, and hospital; and procedural outcomes are excellent. One of the first of its kind, centers like this now have sprung up all over the country to provide dialysis access procedures.

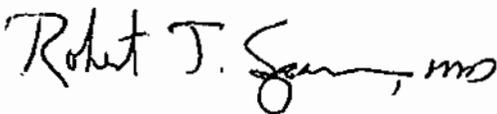
It has now become clear that we must focus on other drivers of patient suffering and healthcare cost that arise in part due to lack of coordination between the hospital and outpatient providers. ESRD patients suffer too many emergency room visits, hospitalizations, readmissions after hospital discharge, hospital acquired infections, and other complications. Recently, we have entered into medical director and co-management agreements with local hospitals to work cooperatively to improve these outcomes. During these years of change, Fresenius has been a ready partner – willing to work closely with our

practice, the hospital and others to ensure that care is integrated. We believe that this close cooperation between our practice, Fresenius and the hospitals is critical for truly making the difference that the CMS triple aim desires, our country needs, and our patients so rightly deserve. We believe that this cooperation has been good for our communities and positioned us for success in today's changing healthcare delivery system.

So what impact will a competing dialysis company have on the situation? Will a competing company improve the cooperation that currently exists? Will it be easier to get everyone to work together towards the same goal? The answer should be very evident that a competing company will not improve cooperation. Will a competing company lower costs? Again, the answer should be clear. Outpatient dialysis providers do not compete by adjusting their prices – for the most part reimbursement is set by the Medicare fee schedules and other policy. Healthcare costs are high not because dialysis prices are high but rather because the providers do not work together to ensure the best patient outcomes. If the Board decides to purposefully inject competition it will be counterproductive to the years of work invested by RenalCare, Fresenius, and our hospitals. If the Board decides to purposefully inject competition, it will be at great risk of reducing the quality of patient care.

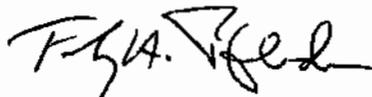
In conclusion, RenalCare Associates has worked for many years in partnership with Fresenius and area hospitals to develop an extremely high quality, integrated and cooperative system of care. Patients have many different choices of providers in this market. Bringing in a competing dialysis company will hinder and not help patient care. The Pekin area needs additional dialysis capacity and Fresenius responded to that need with a well-designed plan. Please do not choose to inject competition under the mistaken belief that this is required for patients to have adequate choice. Dr. Usman and his partner are fully credentialed and welcome at all central Illinois Fresenius dialysis facilities where RenalCare Associates serves as Medical Director. Please do not make a decision that prefers one physician practice over another and thereby interferes with years of RenalCare Associates' efforts on behalf of the citizens of central Illinois. We ask that you approve the Fresenius North Pekin project for a second Pekin dialysis facility at your next meeting and deny the pending Tazewell Dialysis project application.

Thank you.



Robert T. Sparrow, MD

President



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President - Elect

Dale Gillespie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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.

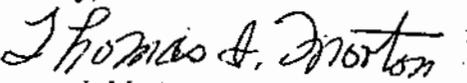
I understand that there are patients who have to drive to Peoria because the Pekin lab is full. I can understand the hardships of driving out of town for treatment as I drive 30 minutes to the lab for my treatments. It would definitely be a hardship for me to drive into Peoria not only in time and miles 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

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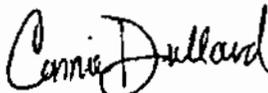
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I am currently a patient of Dr. Rosborough at RenalCare Associates. I see him in the Morton office for hypertension. While I am not currently in need of dialysis, the closest facility to me would be Pekin. I am a 68 year old single woman who also suffers 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

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.

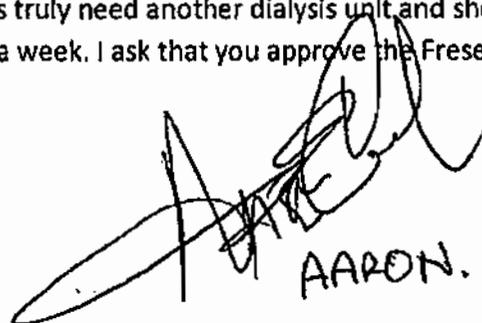
I am currently a patient of Dr. Sader. I myself had declining kidney function/ kidney failure. I was facing the fact that I would soon be on dialysis myself which is very overwhelming to say the least. Dr. Sader arranged a tour of the Fresenius unit in East Peoria. I was in awe at the professionalism 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.



AARON. E. COOK

Dale Galassie, Chairman

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

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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 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 hypertensiologist 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. Gillespie, 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

Associate Professor of Nursing, Illinois Center College

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Wilma I. Garber
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR RENALCARE ASSOCIATES AND FRESENIUS

I was admitted into Pekin Hospital in November of 1990 with acute bilateral pneumonia, which progressed into an empyema. Some 10 days later, I was transferred by ambulance to OSF in Peoria. Shortly after arrival, I went into septic shock, requiring injections of large amounts of very powerful antibiotics. Soon my kidney function began to fail, and Dr. Phillip Olsson of RenalCare Associates was added to the team of physicians that were treating my condition. Dr. Olsson, Dr. Ben Pflederer and Dr. Bryan worked closely to protect my kidneys and help my body remove the toxins that were rapidly building. Dialysis was started in the hospital and continued after I was discharged in early March, until the end of April.

At this time, there was no dialysis facility in Pekin, so I had to be transported to the unit at OSF every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for my treatment. My husband delivered me there for the 4 hour treatment, returned to work, then returning later to pick me up. As I became stronger, other family members pitched in to help, thus relieving the burden on my husband. He would have to work later to make up the time he lost. Obviously, the facility that was developed in Pekin would have been a blessing if it had been started a little earlier. It is felt that in time, I will need dialysis again, so having an enlarged facility with the competency and experience level of RenalCare Associates is very important and comforting to me. It has been 22 years since my illness, and in that time I have always felt I was receiving the very best care possible.

It is tough sitting hooked to a machine for 4 hours with what appears to be nails stuck into your arm. But the people that I have come to know and trust, made every trip as comfortable and relaxing as possible.

We are retired now, and with the high cost of fuel, the trips to Peoria become a huge factor. Pekin needs a larger facility operated by the very same professionals that have been providing excellent care for a number of years. We do not need to fix something that is not broken; we only need to expand it to make it available to more patients.

One more thing before I close: There is no doubt in my mind that the care provided me by Dr. Olsson and RenalCare Associates, enabled my kidneys to come back to the degree they have today. These days it seems we are always looking for heroes, but we don't have to look very far to find them right here in Pekin. We have an excellent facility for dialysis here that simply needs expanded. I hope you share my vision, concern and support for RenalCare Associates And Fresenius and reject DaVita/Usman.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilma I. Garber".

Wilma I. Garber

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

I have been a dialysis patient since June of 2006. I started out in East Peoria and transferred to the Pekin facility after a year and half. Since that time I have noticed the Pekin facility has been getting people coming in to the point that the dialysis room has grown to overflowing.

Please, let's build another Fresenius facility to accommodate all the new people needing dialysis.

If a person has to go to Peoria or East Peoria, the price of gasoline is getting so high, the person that takes the patient, has to stay the whole 4 hours, so if the driver has something to do, they have to put it on hold, or waste the gas to leave and come back, wasting more gas.

When I first found out that I needed to go to dialysis, I was diagnosed with kidney cancer. My urologist took my right kidney out and told me that my left kidney was not performing properly that I needed to go to dialysis.

My experience has been a very good one at the pekin facility. All of the nurses and the techs have been and are currently very good to me and all the patients at the

facility. The staff knows all the patients by their first and last names, and they all go that extra mile to make sure that everyone is taken of properly. Doctor Paul Dryer is a very good doctor and a very good man.

If Pekin doesn't get a new Fresenius dialysis facility, I think we will be the ones that will be suffering. So please let Pekin have the new facility so all people with kidney malfunction will get the service they deserve.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

William Sidell

Cindy Emley
Tazewell County Dialysis Public Hearing – July 18, 2012

Good morning. My name is Cindy Emley. I am the Regional Operations Director for the Central Illinois region for DaVita. I would like to thank everyone who has come to support this project. I would also like to thank the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for the opportunity to provide additional information on DaVita as well as the proposed Tazewell County Dialysis project.

First, as a new provider to this market, I would like to offer some introductory information about DaVita and why we are proposing to establish a new dialysis facility in Pekin. As you may be aware, DaVita is a national dialysis provider, we operate 1,809 outpatient dialysis centers in 43 states and 70 outpatient dialysis centers in Illinois. Our clinical outcomes are among the best in the industry for indicators that are important for the well-being of dialysis patients. In 2011:

- 69% of our patients had an arteriovenous fistula placed for dialysis. Fistulas are considered the “gold standard” for dialysis access. They have significant longevity and can last lifetime; they use the patient’s own vascular system as a result no foreign objects are implanted; and finally, they have significantly lower infection rates than catheters. By the end of 2011, we reduced our patients’ catheter use rates by 15.4%.
- 90% of our patients achieved an albumin level of 3.5 or better. Albumin is a measure of the patient’s protein levels and indicates whether a patient is receiving good nutrition. Further, patients with albumin levels less than 3.5 have morbidity and mortality rates.
- 97% of our patients achieved a Kt/V of 1.2 or better, which is a measure of dialysis adequacy. Patients with a Kt/V lower than 1.2 need to dialyze for longer periods to ensure the blood is being properly cleaned.

Additionally, as a leading health care provider, DaVita firmly believes that we must be a responsible corporate citizen in the communities we serve. Community Care is our philosophy for balancing our business responsibilities with our social, economic and environmental ones. Some of the programs DaVita has initiated to give back to the communities we serve include:

- DaVita Way of Giving, which contributed more than \$1 million to 600 local charities in 2011.

- Tour DaVita, a 250-mile bicycle ride, which has raised more than \$2.3 million to benefit The Kidney Trust.
- Village Service Days, which is a community service program in underprivileged communities. Past service projects include building bicycles for children, remodeling a long-term care facility for AIDS patients, and preparing supplies for homeless infants.
- Finally, DaVita is dedicated to being a leader in sustainable health care. To that end, we set quantifiable environmental goals used to direct our reduction in resource consumption.

At this time I would like to address why DaVita is proposing a new dialysis facility in Pekin. First, it is important to understand that DaVita does not make these types of decisions lightly. In deciding to establish a new facility, we look at the need, utilization of existing facilities, as well as the sustained viability of the proposed facility. In fact, DaVita identified a need for dialysis services in this market several years ago and opened a home program in Peoria in March 2008. However, we had to close this program in 2010 due to lack of physician support. While Dr. Usman has been practicing in this area since 2008, he only began practicing nephrology last year. Over the past year, Dr. Usman's nephrology practice has blossomed, and we feel we have physician support to be successful in this market.

Further, it was not until recently that the CON Board's data showed a need for an in-center dialysis facility in Pekin. As documented in the CON Board's utilization data, there is a need for three dialysis stations in the planning area, and the only dialysis facility in Pekin is operating at 94% utilization. While there are underutilized facilities in Peoria, most of Dr. Usman's patients reside in Pekin. Peoria is approximately 25 minutes from Pekin, and there is no interstate connecting Pekin and Peoria. As a result, patients must travel country roads to make their dialysis appointments, which can be particularly difficult and even dangerous when driving at night or during inclement weather.

Moreover, many dialysis patients are reliant upon friends and family members to transport them to and from dialysis. When dialysis is not proximately located to the patient's

home, it creates an undue burden not only to the patient but also the caretaker who must either wait 3-4 hours at the dialysis facility or return home and make the trip twice. Additionally, patients who have problems getting to their dialysis because of transportation problems miss dialysis treatments, which results in involuntary non-compliance with the treatment regimen. Skipping one or more dialysis sessions in a month has been associated with a 16% higher risk of hospitalization and 30% increased mortality risk compared to those who did not miss a dialysis session. With a 94% utilization rate at the existing facility, a second facility in Pekin will improve access to dialysis and reduce involuntary non-compliance, which in turn will lower hospitalization rates and costs to the health care system.

Increasing access to dialysis by approving a second facility in Pekin will not result in care that is not medically necessary. Importantly, only those patients who are in kidney failure and require dialysis are referred to dialysis. Moreover, patients do not receive more than the standard number of treatments, which is three treatments per week. Increasing utilization is not indicative of a referral problem but rather the increasing incidence and prevalence of end-stage renal disease, which is due in significant part to the increasing rates of diabetes and hypertension in the general population, the aging of the population, as well as the decreasing attrition rates due to earlier kidney disease intervention and improved treatment.

Further, approval of the proposed Tazewell County Dialysis facility will not result in increased costs to the government or other payors. On January 1, 2011, DaVita implemented Medicare's new bundled payment system. Under this new reimbursement system, DaVita is paid a fixed payment rate to cover all goods and services provided during dialysis treatment, including pharmaceuticals and laboratory costs that historically were reimbursed separately. As a result of this fixed payment system as well as based on the nature of dialysis, there is no incentive for a dialysis provider to provide unnecessary treatment.

Additional stations are needed in Pekin to serve the growing numbers of ESRD patients. Allowing a new provider, like DaVita, in the market would better serve the residents of Pekin. As my colleague Marissa Holloway will discuss later in her testimony, DaVita has many innovative programs it will implement in the Pekin market as part of the Tazewell County Dialysis facility. These programs have a proven track record and have raised the standard of

kidney care, reduced health care costs, and improved access to patients. While DaVita is proud of these successes, we know this is not enough if we truly want to shape the future of kidney care. We maintain an open medical staffs at our facilities and collaborate with our physician partners to tailor treatments to each patient's unique health condition. Therefore, regardless of whether an individual is a patient of Dr. Usman's or another physician he or she will have continuity in their kidney care.

Thank you for your time and attention. I respectfully request the Board approve our application for Tazewell County Dialysis to improve access to much needed dialysis services to residents of Pekin and the surrounding areas.

Ahsan Usman, M.D.
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Good morning. My name is Ahsan Usman. I will be the medical director of the proposed Tazewell County dialysis facility. I would like to thank the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for the opportunity to explain why a second dialysis facility is needed in Pekin.

Our country is facing an obesity epidemic. According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 35.7% of adults in the U.S are obese, and this number is expected to grow to 42% by 2030. One of the results of higher obesity rates is the increasing prevalence of diabetes and hypertension among the general population. In fact, 25.8 million people (or 8.3% of the U.S. population) have diabetes and an additional 79 million are pre-diabetic.¹ In 2008, diabetes accounted for 44 percent of all new cases of kidney failure, and 202,290 people with end-stage renal disease due to diabetes were living on chronic dialysis or with a kidney transplant.

Likewise, approximately one-third of U.S. adults (an estimated 68 million) have high blood pressure and another 30% of Americans have prehypertension.² Importantly, about one in five of U.S. adults are unaware they have hypertension. Uncontrolled hypertension can cause damage to the blood vessels and filters in the kidneys, making removal of waste from the body more difficult. In fact, hypertension causes more than 25,000 new cases of kidney failure annually in the U.S.³

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National diabetes fact sheet: national estimates and general information on diabetes and prediabetes in the United States, 2011. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011.

² National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

³ United States Renal Data System. *USRDS 2007 Annual Data Report*. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2007.

As the number of individuals with diabetes and hypertension continue to rise, the incidence and prevalence of kidney failure will increase for the foreseeable future. New dialysis facilities are needed to accommodate the projected growth in the number patients with kidney failure. As some of my patients who are here can attest, dialysis is not pleasurable experience for the patient or his or her family. Dialysis is difficult on a patient's system and often leaves them exhausted. Travelling to dialysis three times a week, particularly when a facility is located more than 30 minutes away is arduous and stressful for patients and their families. While most of my patients reside in Pekin a significant number live south of Pekin, where the travel times to the two Peoria facilities are between 30 and 60 minutes.

Moreover, when a facility reaches 66% utilization it must operate three shifts, with the latest shift beginning around 3 p.m. and ending after dark. Many patients are diabetic and elderly, and many have poor vision and/or rely on assistive devices such as canes and wheelchairs and are faced with additional safety hazards when arriving and departing the facility in the dark. Some of these hazards cannot be avoided in the winter but patients feel much more secure when coming and going in the daylight. Therefore, a second dialysis facility is needed in Pekin to ensure the residents of Pekin and the surrounding area maintain access to life sustaining dialysis.

I have been working with DaVita on a facility in Pekin for nearly one year. In that time, I have been impressed with DaVita's processes and quality initiatives. DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services in the United States. It has taken on many initiatives to improve the lives of patients suffering from chronic kidney disease (or "CKD") and end-stage renal disease, such as the IMPACT program, which seeks to reduce patient mortality rates during the first 90-days of dialysis through patient intake, education and management, and reporting; EMPOWER, which provides free community-based educational seminars that encourage CKD patients to take control of their health and make informed decisions about their dialysis care; and Kidney Smart, a website that provides educational information for individuals affected by CKD at no cost and is recommended for potential patients, caregivers, or anyone looking to learn more about the disease and its risk factors.

My patients as well as other patients in the Pekin community could significantly benefit from these programs as well as DaVita's other clinical initiatives it would implement as part of Tazewell County Dialysis. Therefore, I strongly support the proposed Tazewell County Dialysis and respectfully request the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this application.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Marissa Holloway
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Good morning. My name is Marissa Holloway and I am a Business Development Specialist for DaVita. I would like to thank the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for this opportunity to provide support for the establishment of Tazewell County Dialysis and to provide additional information about DaVita.

As Cindy stated in her testimony, DaVita is a national leader in clinical outcomes and innovations. Over the years, DaVita has invested substantial resources in elective initiatives to improve care for not only our patients but for all patients with kidney disease and to generate taxpayers' healthcare savings. Those initiatives include:

- The DaVita Quality Index (DQI), which is a proprietary benchmarking tool that compares the clinical performance among all DaVita facilities. Over the past 11 years, the DQI have shown continuous improvement, resulting in lower hospitalization and mortality rates.
- The CathAway Program, which is designed to transition dialysis patients from catheters to fistulas, which are regarded as the “gold standard” for dialysis. Through our CathAway program, DaVita achieved the lowest day-90 catheter rates among large dialysis providers in 2010. As a result, the risk of hospitalization from infections and blood clots has been reduced.
- IMPACT, which is DaVita's care-management program for the first three months of dialysis, when patients are at the highest risk for serious and potentially fatal complications. Since piloting in October 2007, the IMPACT program has not only shown to reduce mortality rates by 8% but is improving patient outcomes during this critical period.
- SHAPE (Stable Hemoglobin Anemia Program Effort protocol) is a protocol that manages anemia through computerized algorithms. The goal is to provide a protocol that, with 90% or greater adherence to protocol orders, achieves a high percentage of patients with Hb in the 10-12 g/dl target range while maintaining excellent below-target outcomes and minimizing above-target results.
- Zen Tool is a physician mineral and bone disorder management tool that facilitates simultaneous review of key biochemical markers and provides guidance for adjusting related medications.
- MBD Scorecard is a scoring system that evaluates, tracks, and communicates the effectiveness of mineral and bone disorder management processes monthly at the facility level.

- DaVita Clinical Research (DCR) is one of the largest kidney research networks in the U.S. and the first and only clinical research program to offer services across the entire drug development lifecycle, benefiting our patients, who are the first recipients of DCR's clinical advancements.
- DaVita Rx, the first and largest full-service U.S. pharmacy specializing in kidney care. DaVita RX patients have medication adherence rates greater than 80% almost twice that of patients who fill their prescriptions elsewhere, and are correlated to 40% fewer hospitalizations.
- Lifeline Vascular Access, a DaVita affiliate, is the nation's leading provider of dedicated ESRD vascular access management. Its innovative business model has produced better clinical outcomes and increased patient satisfaction at lower cost than hospitals.
- DaVita Village Health is the nation's largest integrated kidney disease management organization serving more than 5,400 CKD and ESRD patients. DaVita Village Health has worked through commercial and government programs over the last five years to achieve the following results:
 - 20% lower mortality rate
 - 94% of patients vaccinated for influenza
 - 65% reduction in catheter use
 - 25% better prescription adherence
 - 8-16% fewer hospitalizations and 11% lower non-dialysis cost for ESRD care
- DaVita has the largest home peritoneal and home hemodialysis programs in the U.S.
- My DaVita is a social networking component of DaVita.com that allows registered users to connect and engage with other dialysis patients for friendship and support, and to share personal stories about kidney health and share recipes and articles.
- DaVita Diet Helper is an online kidney-related diet-management tool that allows patients, healthcare professionals and care partners to plan meals according to the patient's prescription, check nutritional levels for the day and print a food record for the patient's next dietitian visit. Since launching in 2007, more than 27,800 people have registered for DaVita Diet Helper
- EMPOWER is a free educational program for CKD patients. Classes encourage CKD patients to make healthy choices about their kidney care, with the goal of slowing the progression to dialysis, which is counter to DaVita's bottom line, but wholly reflective of our values.
- The recently launched Kidney Smart website, which provides educational information for individuals affected by CKD at no cost and is recommended for potential patients, caregivers, or anyone looking to learn more about the disease and its risk factors.

DaVita and our physician partners continuously strive to create new innovative programs that raise the standard of kidney care, reduce healthcare costs, and improve access to all patients. DaVita is proud of these programs and the improved clinical outcomes our patients have achieved. I respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the CON for Tazewell County Dialysis, so DaVita can bring these innovative clinical initiatives to Pekin.