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Mr. George Roate
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Replacement Pages - Submitted CON Application**
**RAI Lincoln Highway – Fairview Heights**

Dear George:

Enclosed is the original physician referral letter from the above mentioned CON application for the relocation of the facility. Please remove page 91 from the application insert this original. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Wright

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June 13, 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a nephrologist practicing in rural southern Illinois, specifically the Bellville area of St. Clair County. I am the Medical Director of the RAI Lincoln Highway – Fairview Heights dialysis clinic. I also refer patients to RAI North Main – Breese, DaVita Metro East and Sauget. I am writing in support of the relocation of the 20-station Fairview Heights dialysis facility. The size of the current building is inadequate causing patients and staff to treat/work in cramped spaces. The building requires costly repairs that are not reasonable to accomplish in a space that is not best suited for the clinic. I am a strong proponent of home dialysis, especially in this rural area, and our program is now up to almost 30 patients. The home training department also requires additional space to be more effective. The new site in O'Fallon will meet this need.

At RAI Fairview Heights and Breese, I was treating 36 hemodialysis patients at the end of 2009, 42 patients at the end of 2010 and 40 patients at the end of 2011, as reported to The Renal Network. As of the most recent quarter, I had 70 hemodialysis patients in all four clinics I refer to. Over the past twelve months I have referred 21 patients for dialysis services to RAI North Main – Breese and Lincoln Highway – Fairview Heights. I also referred 11 patients to DaVita Metro East and Sauget. I expect that all 89 current patients of RAI Lincoln Highway – Fairview Heights will relocate to the new site upon its opening. I currently have 129 patients in different stages of chronic kidney disease in the St. Clair County area that will eventually require dialysis. Of these there are 38 that I expect to begin dialysis at the O'Fallon site in the first two years of operation. There are also four other physicians who currently admit patients to the Fairview Heights facility. (Patient census counts from previous years at the DaVita Metro East and Sauget clinics were unavailable and therefore are not included. Also, I began my own practice in the past year and no longer have access to the former practice historical records.)

Given the repair issues at our current site and the need to keep access available to the 89 dialysis patients as well as pre-ESRD patients in this rural region, I respectfully ask the Board to approve the relocation if RAI Lincoln Highway – Fairview Heights. Thank you for your consideration.

I attest to the fact that to the best of my knowledge, all the information contained in this letter is true and correct and that the projected referrals in this document were not used to support any other CON application.

Sincerely,

Matthew Koch, M.D.

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SUSAN K MEARS
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:08/01/15

Notarization:
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of June, 2012

Susan K Mears
Signature of Notary

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