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Illinois Health Facilities and
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Dear Mr. Galassie,

My name is Peggy Larson and I am a dialysis patient and I support Dr. Nagarkatte and a new U.S. Renal Care center that she will be in charge of in Lemont. I have been at my current dialysis center for two years now and to have an alternative to my current care would be a dream. The location and flexibility of times that a new center in Lemont would provide would make life so much easier for me and my daughter.

I am a Hepatitis-C patient and I have to receive my treatments at certain times and right now the unit is so jam packed with patients that it is hard to ever alter my schedule to accommodate any unanticipated changes you might have in your daily schedule. Also, because there are special chairs for patients with Hepatitis-C, if another patient is running late, it pushes back my treatment which is a huge hassle to tack on to my three hour treatments.

During any given shift there are close to 20 people in the unit and it is just too busy with 4 -5 staff members per shift. Right now, if I wanted to move units I would have to go all the way to Palos Hills or Tinley Park. While those are other options, they are so far away to travel in my current condition from Homer Glen that calling them a realistic choice would be a real stretch. Traveling that far would be exhausting for me sitting in a wheelchair in a handicapped equipped van and just too far to ask my daughter to take me. She is my sole and full time caregiver who takes me to treatments and stay with me when I'm there and holds my fistula site post treatment. A Lemont facility nearby would be a huge blessing to the both of us being able to travel just under 3 miles.

The people of Homer Glen and northern Lockport could really benefit from a center in Lemont since I feel I could never travel to even Joliet or Bolingbrook. Most patients are not able to drive themselves to and from treatment since dialysis wears you out. I have commercial insurance and I would like to have a choice of where I choose my insurance to go which would be closer to home, in Lemont.

If you were to approve this facility I would run, if I was physically able to if Dr. Nagarkatte was there. She is a skilled, caring physician whom is of great integrity and has a big heart.

I know that a nearby center led by her would give us a choice and step up in quality. That is why I ask you to please approve a new center in Lemont run by Dr. Nagarkatte. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Peggy Larson

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