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Dear Ms. Avery;

My name is John Johnson and I have been a dialysis patient since October of 2010. I am writing to you to voice my strong support for a new dialysis facility in Plainfield for a number of reasons. First and foremost, I support a new facility because I would like to be able to have a choice in where I dialyze. As of now I am dialyzing in a facility that is overcrowded. As a result the dialysis center seems understaffed and you're really not getting as much care and attention as you should be getting. If this is a place where I will be spending a ton of my time every week, I want to have a say in where I go to dialyze. A new facility would give patients a better choice in time, location, and amount of attention and care.

Additionally, the location for the new proposed facility would be much closer to my house. I currently live in Romeoville and have to drive half an hour each way to travel to and from dialysis. This commute is excessive. If a new facility were to open in Plainfield it would save me a great deal on gas which can add up quickly when you are traveling to dialysis three times a week. Most importantly, though, a new facility in Plainfield would save me time. After dialysis I am very tired and drained. Having a facility nearby would mean that I will be spending less time on the road and more time getting the rest I need to get on with my day.

Finally, I know that any facility that Dr. Nagarkatte has a hand in will be wonderful for her patients. Not only is she my nephrologist but, she also takes care of my parents and they have been seeing her for years. She is a thoughtful, wonderful doctor who always makes sure to put her patients first.

For those reasons I ask that you please support a new dialysis facility in Plainfield and I thank you for taking the time to listen to me voice my support.

Sincerely,



John Johnson