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December 17, 2012

Mr. Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo (No. 12-095)

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I would like to offer my support for the proposed Fresenius Medical Care dialysis facility at 515-535 Hamacher Street in Waterloo.

I have been Waterloo's mayor since 2007 and during this time one of my top priorities has been economic development and promotion of medical services. In fact, Waterloo has two new assisted living facilities, a 21 bed facility which opened in November 2012 which is already under construction with an additional 10 beds and a 56 bed facility which is scheduled to open early in 2013.

In 2011, Waterloo was blessed with the opening of a new Surgical Center which has provided a facility locally for our city and county residents to have basic procedures done without having to travel out of state to Missouri.

Fresenius Medical Care would be a welcomed business partner and also would serve the medical needs of our residents. With an increasing number of seniors and their family members required to commute to St. Louis for dialysis, this facility would provide a positive alternative to our citizens not offered by other facilities in either Red Bud or Sauget, Illinois.

Waterloo continues to grow each year and it is important for the City of Waterloo to plan for tomorrow's needs. In preparing for the future, one of our top priorities must be expanded access to medical services and facilities. We must be able to ensure our residents have access to vital services like state-of-the-art healthcare which will provide a quality of life that I feel each and every one of our residents deserve.

Therefore, on behalf of the City and residents of Waterloo, I encourage you to approve this dialysis facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas G. Smith".

Thomas G. Smith
Mayor, City of Waterloo