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Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Project #12-095, Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo

Dear Mr. Galassie:

My name is Rachel Giffhorn and I serve as the General Manager of Garden Place Senior Living Communities. Our independent and assisted living communities are located in Red Bud, Waterloo, Columbia and Millstadt, Illinois. This purpose of this letter is to state my full support for the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo dialysis center. This proposed facility would answer the current need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of rural Monroe County. Waterloo is a growing area and we have an aging population that is more prone to the diseases that cause kidney failure. Along with dialysis they are also dealing with other chronic conditions.

Garden Place offers housing to 21 residents in Waterloo, and almost 90 residents in Columbia. Currently, residents who require dialysis are driving to locations in South St Louis county for dialysis. Having the Waterloo clinic in this location would greatly benefit our residents by minimizing the challenge of traveling to and from treatment. Driving long distances is a hardship on our residents, who are often ill after treatment. In addition, it places extra difficulties on the family and friends who may be involved in transporting the residents.

Locating a clinic in Waterloo would be a much appreciated supplement to our desire to improve the quality of life of our senior citizens, especially for those who must endure dialysis. I would like to give my enthusiastic and full support for this proposed facility and ask that the Board vote in favor of the Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo dialysis clinic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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