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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 Center dialysis facility at 515-535 Hamacher Street in Waterloo.

I have owned Waterloo Women's Health in Waterloo, IL since November, 2009. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to service over 800 patients in the local area. Although I do not treat patients for health problems that result in dialysis, I do see these patients in my office for their gynecological needs. I do encounter patients who are currently receiving dialysis and have to travel far distances in order to receive their treatments. Many of these patients are elderly or unable to drive and this leaves them with having to find transportation to and from their dialysis.

I do feel there is a significant need in this community for a center such as Fresenius. There are many surrounding communities that would benefit from this as well. Please consider allowing this facility to be built.

Sincerely,

Marla Smith, APN

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