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Dear Mr. Constantino: Attached is a letter from myself to express to you the need for a dialysis center in the Waterloo community. I will also be sending my letter to your office. If at any time you would like to talk to me or if I can help in anyway please contact me at 618-939-8860. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Cindy Rehmer

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February 14, 2013

Mr. Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo (No. 12-095)

Dear Mr. Constantine:

My name is Cindy Rehmer and when I heard there might be a chance to have a dialysis center in our community, I was so happy!! It is about time we have something like this for so many who needs it. I am a former dialysis patient. I was very blessed to receive a kidney transplant on May 13, 1992. I was on Hemo dialysis for 1 year and 2 months. I went to a dialysis center in Belleville IL. Three days a week for 4 ½ hours at a time, not including being put on and taken off. Not only was it hard for me but also for my family (especially my mom) who had to transport me back and forth from the dialysis center. My mom/family member had to sit there for 5-6 hours also since we did not live close by. I eventually was fortunate enough to have a nurse come to my house and give me my dialysis treatments. Unfortunately they no longer let you have a nurse come to your home to give you your treatments. You can have treatment at home but you have to do it yourself or have a family member do it for you. I know you/or your family member are trained but it is still very scary without a nurse to help you. There are so many things that can go wrong while you are on dialysis including blood pressure drops, leg cramps, nausea and throwing up and tubes clotting.

It would be such a wonderful thing to have a dialysis facility here in our community!! I do know several people who are now on dialysis and really needs this facility and not have to travel to Belleville or St. Louis. I am willing to help you out anyway to help those who need a center in our community. God forbid but someday I might need it again if my transplant would fail.

If you need anything else or would like to talk to me you may reach me at 618-939-8860. If I am not home you me leave a message on my answering machine and I will call you back.

Thank you for your time in listening to my story. Please help out all who need this facility in our community.

Sincerely,

Cindy J. Rehmer