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Re: Project #12-095 – Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am nephrologist practicing in the Greater St. Louis area. I wish to voice my support for the much needed in-center dialysis clinic that Fresenius Medical Care is proposing for Waterloo, Illinois. My patients that come from the Waterloo area are at a disadvantage when it comes to dialysis clinic choices. There are no clinics within a reasonable distance and none in Monroe County.

Currently, my Waterloo patients have the option of the Fresenius home dialysis services offered in Waterloo, however those who cannot or do not wish to dialyze at home are travelling to Missouri for treatment. This is excessive and many of the patients are elderly, suffering from many co-morbid conditions making travel difficult at best. Clinic options on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River are also excessive distances from rural Monroe County; even the new clinic being built in Red Bud, Illinois, will not be an answer for my Waterloo area patients because of its distance. This is especially true for those patients residing closer to the river.

Dialysis patients devote countless hours each week to dialysis treatment and they deserve to have accessible facilities available to them so they don't have to spend additional hours travelling to and from treatment.

I appeal to the Board to approve a dialysis clinic in Waterloo, not for Fresenius Medical Care or for myself, but for the sake of the Monroe County patients who must endure dialysis. It will ease their travel burden and improve their quality of life.

Sincerely,

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