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Mr. Dale Galassie  
Chairman, Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project #12-095 /Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo Dialysis Center. The residents of Monroe County deserve this access to nearby dialysis services. At the present time, many must drive or be transported some distance for treatment. Dialysis itself can be an exhausting process lasting several hours. Coupling that with the added inconvenience of traveling back and forth only adds to their worries and stress.

This proposed Center is of special importance to me, as my father is a resident at Oak Hill Nursing Home in Waterloo. With his diabetes and other health issues, it is most likely that he will need dialysis in the near future. How wonderful it would be for him and others in Monroe County to have access to a facility nearby! At 88 years old, even the simple act of getting into a car can be difficult, let alone the prospect of being driven many miles each week for treatment!

Though I write this letter with a personal interest in the Center, I do believe that many, many residents of Waterloo and Monroe County will be greatly helped by its presence. As such, I am enthusiastically supporting the Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo Dialysis Center and hope that you will also.

Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,



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