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Hello Mike.

Please accept this letter in support of the above mentioned project on behalf of Michael N. Kirk, MD.

Thanks,

Bill

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Mr. Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: Project #12-095, Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am a primary care physician in Waterloo, Illinois. The purpose of this letter is to state my full support for the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care's dialysis center in Waterloo, Illinois. This proposed facility would answer the currently unmet need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of Monroe County. Monroe County is a growing area and we have an aging population that is more prone to the diseases that cause kidney failure. Along with dialysis many are also dealing with other chronic conditions.

Having the Waterloo clinic in this location would greatly benefit our community by minimizing the challenge of traveling to and from treatment. Driving long distances is a hardship on many patients who are often ill after their treatment. In addition, it places extra difficulties on the family and friends who may be involved in transporting the patient. Note that many of these patients are currently travelling to St. Louis County, Missouri for their treatments.

Locating a clinic in Waterloo would be a much needed adjunct to our goal of providing appropriate and necessary healthcare resources that will dramatically improve the quality of life of our citizens, especially for those who must endure dialysis. I would like to give my enthusiastic 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,

Michael N. Kirk, MD