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**Re: Opposition to FMC South Elgin CON Application
(Proj. No. 13-004)**

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am a nephrologists practicing in Chicago's Northwest suburbs and I oppose Fresenius Medical Care's proposal to establish FMC South Elgin, a 12-station dialysis facility in HAS 8. There is insufficient need in the area with an excess of 16 stations in this planning area.

Many years ago I started Quality Renal Care in Carpentersville, which is just 15 minutes from the proposed site. Over the years, I have seen significant growth in the demand for dialysis services. While I generally support increasing capacity to meet this growth, such expansion should be done in a responsible manner.

It is inappropriate for FMC to add a new facility when there is existing capacity at its other facilities in close proximity. Notably, FMC Elgin is located just 12 minutes from the proposed South Elgin facility. As of December 31, 2012, this facility was operating well below the State's 80% standard, at 54% utilization.

Although FMC asserts this facility will be operating above the State standard by the time the proposed facility will be operational, FMC fails to discuss its Batavia and West Chicago facilities. These facilities, which are 18 minutes and 21 minutes away, respectively, are also operating well below capacity and could accommodate the anticipated patients. In fact, these facilities can collectively accommodate 86 patients, nearly all of the anticipated referrals to the proposed facility.

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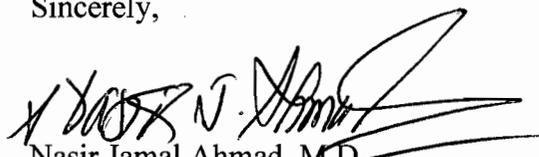
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Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Board deny this proposal. I appreciate your consideration of my objections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nasir J. Ahmad', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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