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Ms. Kathy Olson
Chairman
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Fresenius Medical Center ("FMC") South Elgin: Project #13-004 (the "Project")
Letter in Opposition to Application for Permit**

Dear Ms. Olson:

On behalf of Tri-Cities Dialysis, LLC ("TCD") and Fox Valley Medical Associates, Ltd. ("FVMA") we tender the following in opposition to the above referenced Project's certificate of need application (the "Application"). The Project consists of a 12-station in-center hemodialysis facility at 430-450 N. McClean Boulevard, South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

On August 23, 2013, FMC tendered to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (the "Board") its supplemental information letter for the Board's reconsideration of the Project, which the Board previously issued a Intent to Deny at its June 26, 2013 meeting. TCD and FVMA continue to oppose the Project mainly due to the fact that:

- there continues to exist 28 excess stations in HSA VIII, a critical point that FMC concedes in its supplemental information letter;
- there are nine total viable alternatives to the Project in the service area and not just the six existing facilities that are referenced in FMC supplemental information letter; and
- FMC has still offered no support for its referring physicians' patient projections during the first 2 years of the Project, which are not credible when analyzed and compared to the referring physicians' historical patient data from the zip code areas at issue.

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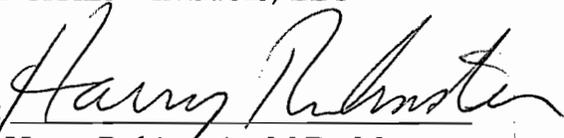
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All of the above were comprehensively addressed in our April 23, 2013 letter in opposition to the Project (a copy of which is attached hereto for the Board's reference). We restate and incorporate those arguments here, and again respectfully encourage the Board's denial of the Application.

Very truly yours,

TRI-CITIES DIALYSIS, LLC

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