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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

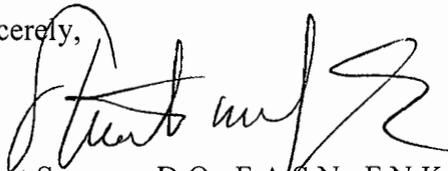
I am the new Medical Director of the Fresenius Medical Care Evanston dialysis facility and am writing to reaffirm my support for the requested additional stations. Due to the unprecedented growth at the facility over the past two years and despite adding 2 stations the facility is now above 80% utilization. Since taking over as Medical Director, I suspect our referrals to this facility are going to continue to increase.

I have been practicing nephrology in this area for almost 20 years. We have 7 nephrologists in our group, including myself and our group works with Fresenius Medical Care at several facilities. The Evanston facility is closest to our main hospital and is the most convenient facility for most of our patients.

Evanston is a densely populated city, and despite having two hospitals, is a federally designated medically underserved area. Approximately 30% of Evanston residents are either African American or Latino. The Fresenius Evanston facility serves this population, with over half of the clinic's patients representing the same racial/ethnic makeup. Also, 13% of the clinic patients are Medicaid recipients. The clinic has been treating residents of Evanston for over 12 years.

I therefore, respectfully ask the Board to vote to approve the 6-station expansion of the Evanston facility. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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