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June 22, 2016

Ms. Kathy Olson
Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to encourage the HFSRB to approve the 12-station dialysis facility that Fresenius Kidney Care is proposing to establish in East Aurora at 810 N. Farnsworth Avenue. Fresenius Kidney Care has a long history of serving patients with kidney failure in Aurora and they are committed to continue to do so by establishing another facility to serve the medically underserved east-side residents. I have firmly supported the establishment of this facility since its inception several years ago and continue to offer my complete support.

Being a lifelong resident of Aurora, I am familiar with the growth of the city as well as the changing demographics. The population near the proposed site is made up of a growing number of Hispanic and African American residents, who are at a disproportionate risk for diabetes and hypertension, which are two leading causes of kidney disease. Many of the patients in this area are living below the poverty level and lack health insurance and would greatly benefit by being able to receive dialysis services near their homes. Many do not have adequate transportation to travel outside of the City for healthcare.

I appreciate the opportunity to once again lend my support for this much needed service for my constituents in East Aurora who are on dialysis. This facility will not only meet their needs but will bring growth and employment to this underserved community.

Sincerely,

Linda Chapa LaVia
State Representative

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