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

Dear Ms. Olson:

My name is Richard C. Irvin and I am Alderman-At-Large in Aurora. I am writing to support the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care East Aurora dialysis center. This proposed facility would answer the need for easily accessible dialysis services for the residents of the east side of the inner city of Aurora, which is a medically underserved area. The residents living here are at a disadvantage economically and socially, with a large percentage speaking only Spanish.

Fresenius and Dr. Dodhia have served the Aurora dialysis patients for many years and I am aware that their clinic at Presence Mercy Medical Center is operating above capacity. A significant number of the patients utilizing that facility live on the east side of Aurora where this facility is proposed. Due to the ethnic make-up, economic barriers and health care shortage here, there is a higher proportion of kidney failure then areas that may be 30 minutes away from here. These disadvantages also make travelling out of the Aurora area an unnecessary burden.

Locating a dialysis clinic in East Aurora would be a much appreciated supplement to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the 1st ward. Not only would it bring access to life dependent dialysis services to a medically underserved area, it would add to the local economy by replacing an abandoned building and offering employment for local citizens. 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 East Aurora dialysis clinic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Irvin
Alderman-At-Large, City of Aurora

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