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January 21, 2011

Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Il. 62761

Re: Project Reference # 10-066

Dear Mr. Galassie and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

I am Darnell McDaniel/President of JACOB, which is involved in advocating the interest of socially disadvantaged residents of the east side of Joliet and near surrounding areas.

It has been brought to my attention that Fresenius Medical Care Plainfield has applied to open a dialysis facility on 721 East Jackson Street, Joliet Illinois 60432. As a resident of Joliet all my life, the predominate makeup of the area is African Americans and Hispanic. It is a social economically depressed area in Joliet.

Having a dialysis facility close to the people who live in this area will help in a great way in providing access to a life sustaining treatment that our community needs. As you will agree with me, a higher percentage of people who develop kidney disease and needing dialysis are African Americans and Hispanic. At this location, it will reduce the burden for these patients having to commute long distances to have their treatments. Good and easy access to dialysis treatment will improve patient compliance and their survival as well.

As the President of JACOB and a strong advocate for the residents living on the east side of Joliet and the near by surrounding communities, I strongly support the project and urge you Sir, and the fellow Members of the Board to approve the highly needed clinic.

Respectfully,
Darnell McDaniel
President