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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing to encourage the Board to approve the 12-station dialysis facility that Fresenius Medical Care is proposing to establish in East Aurora at 924 E. New York Street. Fresenius Medical Care has had a long history of serving patients with kidney failure in Aurora and they are committed to continue to do so by establishing another facility in an underserved area. I supported their attempt in 2011 before the Board and am still in full support.

Being a lifelong resident of Aurora, I am very 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 high blood pressure, which are the leading causes of kidney failure. Many of these patients are indigent and uninsured and could greatly benefit by being able to receive treatment 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 a much needed service for my constituents. This is a Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area and this establishment would also bring growth and employment to this community. I strongly urge you and the Board members to grant the Certificate of Need permit at the February 28th meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Chapa LaVia".

Linda Chapa LaVia  
State Representative