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Mr. Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761
Re: Project #11-120, Fresenius Medical Care East Aurora

Dear Mr. Galassie:

We are writing to support Fresenius Medical Care's CON application for a dialysis center on Aurora's near East side. This facility, which is in a Federally Designated Medically Underserved area, would provide a needed service to area residents thus enhancing their quality of life.

It is our understanding that due to the economic status of some of the area residents, transportation to treatment three times a week is an obstacle. The site Fresenius has chosen, 924 E. New York Street, would afford these patients short travel distances and ample public transportation options. Aside from our concern for the residents' healthcare needs, the Aurora City Council has approved a final plan revision for the project. Moreover, we anticipate that the facility would bring construction and healthcare jobs to this area as we continue to redevelop it for the benefit of the residents and the City as a whole.

The current Fresenius Aurora facility at Provena Mercy Center Hospital has been a staple in Aurora for over 20 years and we are excited to support its ongoing commitment to the residents of Aurora by opening a second dialysis clinic to serve the multicultural residents of our near East side.

Aurora is the second largest city in the State of Illinois with a diverse population. We therefore strongly urge the Board to approve this project.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherman L. Jenkins
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cc: William Wiet, Chief Development Officer
Barbara Kattermann, Spec. Asst. Develop. Facilitation



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