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**To:** Constantino, Mike  
**Subject:** #11-099 Support Letter  
**Attachments:** Dr. Baker Support Letter.pdf

Mike,

Please see attached support letter for #11-099.

Thank you,



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Re: #11-099, Fresenius Medical Care Prairic Meadows

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am an internist in private practice in Lake County and am on the staff of Advocate Condell Medical Center. While my office is located in Mundelein, I treat patients from all of the surrounding communities, including Grayslake and Libertyville. I recently completed a term as President of the Medical Staff of Advocate Condell Medical Center. I am writing this letter in full support of the Prairie Meadows Dialysis Clinic that Fresenius Medical Care proposes to establish in Libertyville.

I have worked with the proposed medical director, Dr. Joshua Trob, for approximately 11 years. We have shared many patients with kidney disease, including a sizable number of patients receiving dialysis. I have found him to be a highly competent and compassionate provider. He has always done what he has felt to be in the best interests of his patients, and I have watched his practice experience rapid growth over the last several years.

As an internist and geriatrician practicing in Lake County, I have also witnessed significant growth in the numbers of patients with kidney disease. This is due to multiple factors, including the rising incidence of diabetes mellitus, as well as the increasing age of the population. The higher incidence of renal disease in the Hispanic population plays a role as well. This dialysis unit will be situated in a location that will allow for ready access for those patients who reside in the Libertyville and Grayslake areas. The unit's proximity to Advocate Condell Medical Center will also help in facilitating the transition from the inpatient to the outpatient setting for those recently started on dialysis. Finally, the only dialysis unit currently operating in Libertyville will be relocating to Vernon Hills later this year, making it more difficult for some of the patients in the area to have convenient access to a dialysis clinic. As many of these patients are aged or disabled, transportation can become a significant issue. Additionally, there is often a particular need for a shift that will allow for the patient to be dialyzed during daytime hours.

In summary, due to the issues and concerns outlined above, I am writing to express my support for the proposed Fresenius Medical Care Prairie Meadows dialysis facility. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Howard Baker, D.O.