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Dale Glassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Project #12-004, Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin**

Dear Mr. Glassie:

As President and CEO of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, I send this letter to offer my full support for the establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin Dialysis Center. This proposed facility would answer the current need for accessible dialysis services for the residents of rural Tazewell County, as well as, the more populated Pekin/North Pekin area.

We have an aging population that is more prone to the diseases that cause kidney failure. Along with dialysis they are also dealing with other chronic conditions. Having the North Pekin clinic in this location would greatly benefit our community by minimizing the challenge of travel to and from treatment. Driving long distances is a hardship on an elderly patient, who is often ill after treatment. Additionally, it places extra difficulties on family and friends who may be involved in transporting the patient.

Locating a clinic in North Pekin would be a much appreciated supplement to our desire to improvement the quality of life for our senior citizens, especially for those who must endure dialysis. Please accept my enthusiastic support for this proposed facility and ask that the Board vote in favor of the Fresenius Medical Care North Pekin dialysis clinic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Keith Steffen  
President & CEO