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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012 2:27 PM  
**To:** Constantino, Mike  
**Subject:** Fresenius Medical Care Oak Forest (No. 12-012) letter of support  
**Attachments:** Fresenius Letter of Support.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Please see the attached letter of support from Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy. Thank you.

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May 15, 2012

Mr. Michael Constantino  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Fresenius Medical Care Oak Forest (No. 12-012)**

Dear Mr. Constantino,

I would like to offer my support for the planned Fresenius Medical Care dialysis care facility in Oak Forest. I've served on the Cook County Board of Commissioners since 2002 and previously worked as Worth Township Supervisor as well as Village Clerk of Crestwood. Through my role as a public official, as well as my many years as a Crestwood resident, I have become very familiar with the Oak Forest-Crestwood area and its needs.

One of the most important issues for south suburban residents is access to quality health care. I do not believe that services should have been cut at Oak Forest Hospital. Now we are seeing other area medical facilities such as the Tinley Park Mental Health Center threatened as pressures increase on the state's budget.

While our state government must be fiscally responsible and accountable to taxpayers, we also have a commitment to ensure access to quality health care for all who need it, especially for those who live in underserved areas. Oak Forest residents must travel to other communities to receive medical services such as dialysis. By approving Fresenius Medical Care's clinic you can help provide better access to these residents and keep them closer to home.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Patricia Murphy".

Joan Patricia Murphy  
Cook County Commissioner, 6<sup>th</sup> District

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