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Mr. Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: FMC Plainfield #12-047

Dear Chairman Galassie,

Thank you for the opportunity to support FMC Plainfield # 12-047 for a dialysis facility in Plainfield. As Admissions Director of Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, I recognize that there is a need for this kind of outpatient care in our community, particularly among our residents when they leave our facility.

Since the 1970's, Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has provided around-the-clock care and a comfortable community to senior citizens serving the nearby communities of Plainfield, Joliet, Shorewood, Bolingbrook, Naperville, and Romeoville. Our facility and our staff are recognized regularly through awards and accreditations for the care and quality of life we deliver.

We are Medicare and Medicaid certified and offer a range of health care and wellness services, including Alzheimer's care, rehabilitation and peritoneal dialysis along with caring for hemodialysis patients that receive services off site, which is how we came to know Dr. Tunji Alousa. Dr. Alousa and the residents he sees at Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation have strong patient/physician relationships, and it is clear that he is truly committed to providing top-notch, compassionate care to every patient, day in and day out.

Although Lakewood Nursing and Rehabilitation offers inpatient peritoneal dialysis and off site hemodialysis during their stay at the facility and then continue outpatient dialysis therapy upon discharge. Important to note, we have seen an increase in the number of patients requiring dialysis. Ensuring a facility in Plainfield is open to serve area patients is critical to meeting the health care needs of our community. Knowing that Dr. Alousa would be affiliated with this facility gives us the utmost confidence that patients will receive the best care available when they need it.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important project. I urge the board to approve FMC Plainfield's application for a Plainfield dialysis facility.

Sincerely,

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