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October 3, 2012

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

Re: Fresenius Medical Care Lockport (No. 12-055)

Dear Mr. Constantino,

I would like to offer my support for Fresenius Medical Care's proposed dialysis facility at 1143-1165 E. 9th Street in Lockport.

As an elected official in Will County since 1970 I have become very familiar with the Lockport area and its needs. In recent years, Lockport's elderly population has grown, resulting in the need for greater access to health care.

Patients who undergo dialysis require treatment up to three times a week, for hours at a time. This creates a huge strain, both physically and emotionally, on these individuals, many of whom are elderly. By working with the Senior Services Center of Will County, I've seen the importance of this treatment.

Senior citizens also have limited mobility. Many seniors are not able to drive themselves and must rely on public transportation. The proposed location for the Lockport facility is an ideal location that is easily accessible via bus service, particularly for senior citizens.

It is imperative to support dialysis patients and do what we can to enhance their quality of life, by having a conveniently located dialysis center.

As Will County continues to grow, one of our top priorities must be to expand access to medical services and facilities.

I give my full support to Fresenius Medical Care's proposed Lockport dialysis center.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive



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Constantino, Mike

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