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525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd floor
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Re: Project #12-095 - Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo

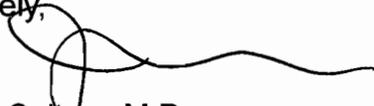
I am a nephrologist practicing primarily in the greater St. Louis area. I wish to voice my support for the much needed in-center dialysis clinic that Fresenius medical care is proposing for Waterloo Illinois. My patients from the Waterloo area are at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to dialysis clinic options. There are no clinics within a reasonable distance, and none in Monroe County.

Currently my Waterloo patients have the option of the Fresenius home dialysis services offered in Waterloo; however, those patients who choose not to, or are not a candidate to undergo home dialysis must travel to Missouri to receive their dialysis treatments. This travel is excessive and many of the patients are elderly, suffering from many co-morbid conditions making travel difficult and potentially dangerous. Clinic options on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River are also long distances from Monroe County; even the new clinic being built in Redbud Illinois is a significant distance from the Waterloo patients, especially for those patients residing closer to the Mississippi River.

Dialysis patients devote countless hours each week to dialysis treatments and they deserve to have accessible facilities available to them so they don't have to spend additional hours traveling to and from their treatment.

I therefore appeal to the board to approve a dialysis clinic in Waterloo Illinois, not for the benefit of Fresenius medical care or for myself, but for the sake of those Monroe County patients who must endure dialysis. It will ease their travel burden and improve their quality of life.

Sincerely,


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