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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Support for Project #18-039, Fresenius Kidney Care Grayslake

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the President of Advocate Condell Medical Center, which has been serving residents in Lake County for 90 years. Condell Medical Center is the largest health care provider and only Level 1 Trauma center in Lake County. U.S. News & World Report named Condell Medical Center a 2018-2019 Best Regional Hospital and we have been named a Truven 100 Top hospital in four of the last five years. In addition, Condell is ranked high performing in COPD; diabetes and endocrinology; gastroenterology and GI surgery; heart failure, nephrology and urology.

Fresenius Kidney Care also has a long-standing history of providing high quality dialysis services to the residents of Lake County, many of whom are referred to several of their area clinics upon discharge from Condell Medical Center. Through our combined efforts patients are assured a seamless, uninterrupted treatment transition to the dialysis clinic.

The increase of new end stage renal disease (ESRD) patients we see at Condell and the high rates of utilization at clinics near Grayslake indicate a great need for additional dialysis services to meet this demand. We fully support Fresenius Kidney Care's Grayslake proposal to meet the needs of our discharging ESRD patients. I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the application for the ESRD clinic in Grayslake.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Ploszek
President