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Dale Galassie
Illinois Health Facilities &
Service Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St. 2nd Floor
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RE: Project Reference # 10-066

Dear Mr. Galassie and members of the Illinois Facility and Service Review Board,

I am Mrs. Edna P. Jones, who is involved in advocating the interest of African Americans in Joliet and the entire Will County at Large.

It has been brought to my attention that Fresenius Medical Care Plainfield has applied to open a dialysis facility at 721 E. Jackson St. Joliet, Illinois 60432. I live in this area which is inhabited by African Americans and Hispanics. A higher percentage of people who develop kidney disease that need dialysis are African Americans and Hispanics.

Having a dialysis facility close to us will help in a great way in providing assets to a life sustaining treatment that our community needs. It will also reduce the burden for patients having to commute long distances to have their treatments. Good and easy assets to dialysis treatments will improve patients compliances and their survival as well.

As a resident and a strong advocate for the African Americans that live in the community I strongly support this project and will urge you sir and the fellow members of the board to approve this high needed clinic.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edna P. Jones

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