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Ms. Kathy Olson
Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #15-050, Fresenius Medical Care Chicago Heights

Dear Ms. Olson:

On behalf of our residents and the city administration, I am writing this letter to convey my support for the proposed Fresenius Medical Care dialysis clinic in Chicago Heights. The clinic will provide excellent quality of care for dialysis treatment for our residents and residents in neighboring municipalities. In addition, this facility meets the proposed site use for redevelopment as identified in the city's comprehensive plan and offers new employment opportunities within the community.

Fresenius Medical Care currently treats patients in the south suburban region, and in their ongoing commitment to serve all patient populations, I support their commitment to offer dialysis services in this Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area (MUA). The clinic will meet the needs of a large percentage of dialysis patients living in Chicago Heights who are economically disadvantaged, and also serve a large percentage of the elderly and at-risk population by providing easily accessible dialysis care. The services that Fresenius Chicago Heights Medical Care provides will have a positive impact on patients who will benefit from the accessible, affordable and quality of care that the clinic will provide.

In summary, I am advocating for the approval of the Fresenius Chicago Heights facility for dialysis care. I thank you in advance for your consideration of my request as you review the Fresenius Chicago Heights application.

Sincerely,

David A. Gonzalez
Mayor