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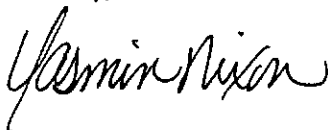
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: #17-024 Fresenius Kidney Care Springfield East

Dear Ms. Olson,

My name is Yasmin and I work for Fresenius Kidney Care. I also have kidney disease. I am a patient of Dr Downer's with Alport Syndrome. It is not a common kidney disease, but eventually my kidneys will fail. Unfortunately, even though I was diagnosed early with kidney disease, I was not diagnosed with Alports until after my two sons were born. Alports is a genetic disease that effects boys worse than girls. Both my boys have tested positive. This means that their kidneys will fail and they will be on dialysis before their teen years are over. We live here in the Springfield area and when the time comes, will choose Fresenius for our dialysis. My concern is that there will not be enough availability at the current location. From a nurse perspective, I know that the current facility is fairly full. And as it is the only Fresenius in town, it will most likely stay that way. I am concerned that with limited availability, we will have to have a "take what we can get" mentality with our chair times and days. I love the company I work for, my Dr supports Fresenius and really do not want to go to a non-Fresenius dialysis clinic. The need for dialysis is growing substantially every year. I ask for you to please consider approving another clinic in Springfield. My children and I thank you.

Sincerely,



Yasmin Nixon