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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Kathryn Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: #17-024 Fresenius Kidney Care Springfield East

Dear Ms. Olson:

I have kidney failure and have dialysis three times a week. I get my dialysis at Fresenius where Dr. Forero, provides my care. I am so thankful for him and the nurses who take care of me there. It was a scary thing to have to begin dialysis but they eased my fears and made me comfortable and have become like my second family. I am feeling so much better now because of their care.

I had to wait to be able to get my dialysis at a good time because there are so many patients who come here. I was told I could go to one of the other clinics here in Springfield and I might get the treatment time I want but I didn't want to do that. This is where my doctors are and where I get very good care. It's not fair that I or any other patient of my doctors would be forced to go somewhere else for treatment because there are rules. All I know is that we should be able to get our treatment from a doctor or clinic that works best for us.

I sincerely hope you consider mine and other patient's situation and vote yes to let there be more patients who can stay with Fresenius and their doctors here in Springfield.

Sincerely



Cassandra Black