

KIDNEY CARE CENTER

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March 27, 2018

Kathryn Olson
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #17-065, Fresenius Kidney Care New Lenox

Dear Ms. Olson:

My name is Rashmi Bisla and I treat a great number of dialysis patients who live in Joliet, New Lenox and the surrounding area. In my 3 years here, I have witnessed a continual increase in the number of patients who require dialysis services. I have seen new clinics built and some expanded and yet I am again finding it difficult to place my patients who live here at a suitable location, with a suitable treatment schedule.

Many of my patients are economically disadvantaged and find it difficult to travel outside of their health care service area, so I do not wish to require them to do so. This would cause a loss of continuity of care as well as more missed treatments resulting in high hospitalization rates and lower quality outcomes.

I urge you to approve the Fresenius Kidney Care New Lenox facility so that there will be access to dialysis services for my new patients from New Lenox and Joliet for years to come.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rashmi Bisla', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rashmi Bisla, M.D.