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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
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Re: Project #18-039, Fresenius Kidney Care Grayslake

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board,

My name is Dr. Sergei Shevlyagin and I am a board certified Internist in Grayslake. I have a significant number of patients in my care that have declining kidney function, mainly due to diabetes and hypertension, both of which are increasing at alarming rates. Many are already in kidney failure and have had to begin the dialysis treatment regimen. I refer many of these patients to nephrologists Dr. Munir and Dr. Trob because I am confident they will provide high quality compassionate care. I am writing to you because it would be beneficial for my patients to receive dialysis, not only at a high-quality facility, but where their nephrologist will be the Medical Director such as at the proposed Fresenius Kidney Care Grayslake facility.

If the Grayslake facility is approved, area patients will also benefit simply by the provision of accessible services. Currently the clinics surrounding Grayslake are operating at very high utilization rates, making access difficult for patients requiring dialysis treatment three times a week. Grayslake is centrally located to these clinics and will meet the increasing demand for dialysis treatment access.

I therefore, respectfully request that you consider the demands put on the dialysis patient and grant much needed additional access to treatment in this area. Thank you for your time and attention to this vital matter.

Sincerely,



Sergei Shevlyagin, MD