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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #18-039, Fresenius Kidney Care Grayslake

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of the proposed Fresenius Kidney Care Grayslake dialysis clinic that will ensure dialysis patients in the Grayslake area will have uninterrupted access to services for many years to come.

I am a primary care physician serving Grayslake and the surrounding communities. I have witnessed an increase in the number of patients I see suffering from kidney disease leading to kidney failure. These patients are often extremely ill and require complex health care services. I refer these patients to area nephrologists for specialized care. I am extremely satisfied with the care given to my patients by Dr. Munir of Associates in Nephrology, who will be the Medical Director of this facility.

Dialysis services for most of my patients living in Lake County is provided by Fresenius Kidney Care, of which I have been equally satisfied. I am hopeful that this combination of care can be approved for Grayslake, so this model will be continued here. I know that some of the area's dialysis clinics are unable to treat my patients on a schedule that allows them to maintain some of the normalcy of their pre-dialysis life. Additional treatment options in Grayslake will allow them this opportunity.

I stand with Dr. Munir and Fresenius Kidney Care in supporting the Grayslake facility and with due respect ask that this facility be approved.

Sincerely,

Parag Thakkar, MD