

December 3, 2018

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

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

Dear Board Members:

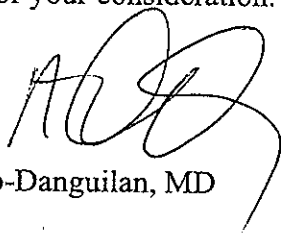
I am a board certified internist and primary care physician serving patients in Lake County, many of whom suffer from chronic kidney disease. I am very familiar with Dr. Munir and the Associates in Nephrology practice group, as well as the Fresenius Kidney Care clinics where my ESRD patients dialyze at. I am very pleased with the quality of care my patients receive for their kidney disease by both providers.

I prefer my patients nearing ESRD be able to seek care, not only from the AIN nephrologists, but to dialyze at a clinic where they will oversee their treatment. The Grayslake facility will allow them this opportunity. I am aware that many of the clinics in the Grayslake area are quite full. Given this, I am worried that my ESRD patients will soon have to travel further than necessary to find clinic availability. In order to maintain family structure, employment and secure transportation, treatments need to be scheduled at a time of day that is best suited for each individual patient. This is not generally possible when a clinic is reaching capacity.

I ask, on behalf of my patients dealing with this highly challenging chronic disease, that they have every opportunity for their journey to be as manageable as possible. For this reason, I ask that you vote to approve the Fresenius Kidney Care Grayslake facility to allow access in central Lake County thereby accomplishing this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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