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September 9, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

***Re: Support for Fresenius Medical Care Melrose Park, 6 N. 9th Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160
(Fresenius Kidney Care).***

Dear Ms. Avery and Members of the Review Board:

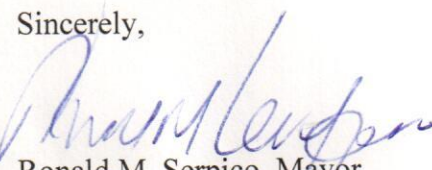
As the longtime Mayor of the Village of Melrose Park, I am writing to support the expansion of life-sustaining kidney dialysis services for the citizens in my community, and in doing so, I encourage you to approve the Certificate of Need for the Fresenius Medical Care Melrose Park.

Hispanic Americans are at a greater risk for kidney disease and kidney failure, in fact, they are one and half times more likely to have kidney failure compared to other Americans, so an adequate number of stations in Melrose Park is especially vital because our village is over 70% Hispanic.

Melrose Park is disproportionately poor compared to access statewide and therefore dialysis services are more difficult for our community members to access.

I urge you to vote yes on Fresenius Medical Care Melrose Park.

Sincerely,



Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor
Village of Melrose Park