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June 26, 2010

Mr. Craig R. Smith, Chief Certificate of Need Section Division of Facility Services 701 Barbour Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing to express support for the Certificate of Need Application being submitted by Fresenius Medical Care to develop a new 10-station dialysis facility in Mebane, Alamance County. A dialysis facility in this area will mean enhanced access to care, reduced travel time for patients, and additional economic impact in our city.

We believe the development of a Fresenius facility in our town is a win-win option for everyone. Dialysis patients currently traveling to Burlington (Alamance County) or Carrboro (Orange County) for care will have the opportunity to receive dialysis treatment closer to their homes, in a facility within the City of Mebane. This will be a fine addition to the growing number of medical services available in our city. Also, in addition to more options for care, a new dialysis facility will have a positive economic impact on the community.

On June 21, 2010, Jim Swann and Dave Lincoln of Fresenius Medical Care met with City Manager Robert Wilson and me to discuss the Certificate of Need Application being developed by Fresenius. We were informed that there are currently about 40 dialysis patients within a six mile radius of Mebane and that the facility proposed by Fresenius Medical Care would offer both in-center and home dialysis. In addition, we were informed that the Medical Director for this facility would be Dr. Margaret Kiser, from the University of North Carolina Hospital, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension. Providing local treatment options for dialysis patients of this area, creating new jobs, and a connection with the UNC Hospital all create a most attractive situation for the City of Mebane and our citizens.

Speaking for the City Manager, and, I believe, the entire City of Mebane, we would urge you to approve the Fresenius application to develop a 10-station dialysis facility to serve this area.

Cordially,

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Mayor – City of Mebane

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