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Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Proposed DaVita Dialysis Facility
Project 15-003 Vermilion County Dialysis (DaVita)

Dear Board Members:

I am contacting your office regarding the proposed DaVita Dialysis Facility in Danville, IL. My name is Doug Miller. I recently retired from the Danville Police Department as Deputy Director after serving 41 years with the Department. I have been a lifelong resident of Danville and Vermilion County where my family was raised and resides. Consequently I have a sincere interest in our community and issues affecting it as well as the future of Danville.

I am a supporter of *Danville Dialysis Service (DDS)* in Danville, Illinois. It is a locally owned and run dialysis facility that has served our community faithfully for 13 years. Furthermore I strongly oppose the application by Vermilion County Dialysis, known as DaVita, which has no direct ties or vested interest in our community.

The dedicated staff of Danville Dialysis Services have always done their best to provide high quality kidney care. The availability of a locally owned and managed dialysis facility benefits not only patients, but also the entire community. As a community it is assuring to know that if any of us were to need dialysis, Danville has a locally owned, state-of-the-art dialysis facility ready to care for us when we need it.

It is my understanding that DDS has ample room for additional patients and that a new facility in town is NOT needed. Furthermore a DaVita facility may put Danville Dialysis Services out of business or diminish its ability to provide a full range of dialysis services as it does today. I urge you to put our community first and to deny the DaVita application.

Sincerely,



Doug Miller

March 23, 2015

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Dear Board Members:

My name is **Stephen Laker**

Prior to my retirement in 2010, I served Vermilion County, Illinois as the Public Health Administrator of the Vermilion County Health Department for over 34 years. Consequently, I am acutely aware of the health care deficits and needs of our local community.

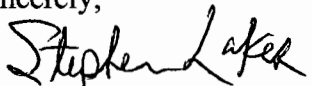
I am a supporter of Danville Dialysis Services in Danville, Illinois, a locally owned and managed dialysis that has served our community very well for over 13 years. I emphatically oppose the application of Vermilion County Dialysis, known as DaVita, which has no apparent direct ties or vested interest in the health of our central Illinois community.

The dedicated staff of Danville Dialysis Services has always done their best to provide high quality kidney care to their patients. The availability of a locally owned and managed dialysis facility benefits not only its patients but also our entire community. We, as a community, know that if any of us need dialysis, Vermilion County has a locally owned and accountable, state of the art dialysis facility ready and able to care for us when we need it.

I understand that Danville Dialysis Services still currently has excess capacity because the local demand for their services is less than 65% of their approved capacity. Also, as I recall, IHFSRB certificate of need (CoN) guidelines generally do not allow the approval of a duplicative health care facility application unless another local facility exceeds 80% of its approved capacity. It is apparent that a new dialysis facility is currently not needed in Danville, Illinois. Also, it is very apparent from my perspective that the approval of a CoN for a DaVita dialysis facility could actually jeopardize the health of our community by putting Danville Dialysis Services out of business or by severely reducing its capacity to provide a full range of dialysis services. I also strongly believe that type of duplicative and unnecessary, profit motivated, competition has unreasonably increased the overall costs of our complete health care system.

I strongly urge you to consider the real need of our community and to deny the Vermilion County Dialysis (DaVita) application.

Sincerely,



Stephen Laker, MS, CPHA

17662 N 1000 E Rd
Oakwood, IL 61858

Date 3/24/15

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Dear Review Board:

I oppose the granting of the permission to build a second dialysis center in Danville, Illinois for the following reasons:

- **Danville Dialysis Services and Dr. Sodhi have always provided high quality and accessible services to my patients.**
- **Danville Dialysis Services has capacity to accommodate more patients.**
- **A new facility will only undermine the financial stability of the existing dialysis facility which has served this community very well.**
Unused capacity should be used first.
- **Whenever I have referred patients to Dr. Sodhi/Danville Dialysis Services, those patients have been well taken care of and their needs have been served.**
- **As a retired Urologist and family member of ESRD patient I try to read the literature regarding ESRD and dialysis. Interestingly enough I came across some articles that are also summarized on Davita's website. The abstract of the same is**

"Given the advances in peritoneal dialysis (PD) over the last 2 decades, the authors assert that this improved therapy should no longer be an underutilized form of renal replacement therapy as compared to in-center hemodialysis (HD). The authors describe that there is no clinical, quality of life, cost benefit, or other acceptable reason for the discrepancy in utilization of PD versus HD

Additionally, the authors describe that PD costs are approximately 25% less per year per patient than for in-center HD. All evidence taken together led the

authors to advocate a "PD first" approach for renal replacement therapy, noting advantages for patients, physicians, and health care systems

In conclusion, the authors note that it is time for a cultural shift in the United States dialysis marketplace, accommodating both "patient-centered" cost-efficient delivery of care and patient choice in selecting the best renal replacement therapy that suits lifestyle and needs." *

If Davita agrees (I suppose they do as this article is quoted on their web site.) with this they should start reducing the number of centers, at least not increase the number of centers.

Also a different study states that

"The authors suggested that these results demonstrate that patients who receive care from office-based centers have better patient outcomes, lower mortality rates, and **reduced cost to Medicare perhaps because of anticipatory care in the multidisciplinary, coordinated care environment of the office-based centers.**" **

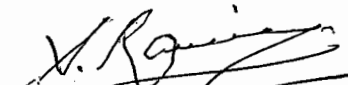
On the basis of this study Dr. Sodhi has already established a successful both clinically and economically, office based center.

Under the circumstances, Granting such an application would unnecessarily dilute dialysis services in Danville.

In summary, there is no need for the proposed facility to be built and there is a very real concern that if it is built, Danville Dialysis Services will be forced out of business.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Sincerely,


(Sd. S.R.AMIN, M.D.)

*** PD First: Peritoneal Dialysis as the Default Transition to Dialysis Therapy**

Author(s): Ghaffari A, Kalantar-Zadeh K, Lee J, Maddux F, Moran J, Nissenson A.

Journal Citation: *Seminars in Dialysis*. 2013

**** Clinical and Economic Value of Performing Dialysis Vascular Access Procedures in a Freestanding Office-Based Center as Compared with the Hospital Outpatient Department among Medicare ESRD Beneficiaries**

Author(s): Dobson A, El-Gamil AM, Shimer MT, DaVanzo JE, Urbanes AQ, Beathard GA, et al.

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Dear Board Members:

My name is Cathy Rouse.

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I urge you to put our community first, and to deny the DaVita application.
Sincerely,

Signature

Cathy Rouse

Address

510 S. West St.
Homer, Ill. 61849

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Dear Board Members:

My name is DiAnne Sadowski Boyd.

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Sincerely,

Signature DiAnne S. Boyd

Address 1518 N. Logan Ave.
Danville, Illinois 61832

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My name is Janet Hetherington.

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Sincerely,

Signature Janet Hetherington

Address 9 Stady Lane
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My name is John Rocco.

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Signature

John Rocco

Address

510 SOUTH WEST ST
HOWARD IL 62847

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My name is KEITH R. Hughes.

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Signature

Keith R. Hughes

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17 Highland Shore Dr
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My name is Wilford E Woodard.

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Sincerely,

Signature Wilford E Woodard

Address 1727 Oakwood
Danville, IL 61832

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Signature Brian Woodard

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