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Via Fed Ex

Ms. Kathryn J. Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Proj. No. 15-042 – Morris Community Dialysis

Dear Chair Olson:

I am a Group Vice President with DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. I am writing to oppose the Affiliated Dialysis of Joliet ("Affiliated") application to establish a 10-station dialysis facility in Morris. There is currently no need for additional stations in Morris.

Fresenius' project number 14-065 was approved on March 10, 2015 to relocate their existing 10-station Morris facility to Plainfield based on the rural nature of the Morris area and the inability of the Morris community to support two dialysis clinics. The FMC (RCG) Morris clinic was treating all of fourteen patients and FMC anticipated that the majority of these patients would transfer to FMC Plainfield North, FMC Plainfield, FMC Ottawa or DaVita's Morris facility.

Further, while at least nine of the displaced FMC Morris patients would be expected to transfer to DaVita's Morris facility based upon the proximity to their residences, DaVita already took the initiative to accommodate the current and future ESRD needs of the Morris community. At a projected cost of \$2,633,643, DaVita's project number 15-032 was approved on August 25, 2015 to discontinue their own existing 9-station Morris facility and establish a new 12-station ESRD facility in Morris. The anticipated project completion date is April 30, 2017.

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Thus, the Board should deny Affiliated's proposal to establish a new 10-station facility in Morris. The ESRD needs of the Morris community, as well as the surrounding geographical service area, will continue to be met for the foreseeable future by existing facilities in the immediate area. There is currently no need for additional in-center hemodialysis stations in Morris. Morris Community Dialysis would be a duplication of services already provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Lapica', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alex Lapica, Group Vice President
Team Fusion
DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.