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

Dear Ms. Avery:

Re: Support for project 17-013, Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream

As co-chair of the Choose DuPage Economic Development Alliance, I am writing to express my endorsement for a Certificate of Need to be granted for the proposed Geneva Crossing Dialysis (project 17-013) as a necessary and vitally important component of DuPage County's healthcare landscape.

DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services in the U.S. and is partnering with DuPage Medical Group (DMG) to establish this hemodialysis clinic in Carol Stream. I send my endorsement with confidence because DMG physicians practice a proactive model of medicine allowing its professionals to provide quality care and the advanced facilities and implement the latest technology. Patients stay closely connected on the care that forms the bigger picture of each patient's health. DMG promotes strong collaboration among its clinicians.

DaVita does not currently operate any clinics in DuPage County but will open two clinics in the coming years in Villa Park and Woodridge. This proposed DaVita/DMG clinic will provide Carol Stream patients an opportunity to receive innovative care from DaVita in an area that has been dominated by a single provider.

DuPage County has a population of nearly a million people, is the second most populated county in Illinois, and is consistently among the healthiest counties in Illinois. Of special note, the senior population is increasing dramatically compared to other segments of the population. Many patients who require dialysis are seniors, and as the Baby Boom generation begins to age into the senior demographic, residents age 65 and older will continue to represent a growing portion of DuPage County, making expanded dialysis providers even more crucial.

Thank you for your service to Illinois by serving on the Health Facilities and Services Review Board, and I look forward to your support for Geneva Crossing Dialysis.

Dan Cronin Chairman

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