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Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Support Letter for Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge – Project 17-014

Dear Chair Olson,

On behalf of Woodridge Horizon, an independent senior living community in Woodridge, Illinois, I write to offer my support for the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic.

Woodridge Horizon is a beautiful community offering apartments to those who are ages 62 and older. Our residents frequently lead active lifestyles, maintaining their privacy and independence, while enjoying our recreational, educational and social amenities.

Because we serve the senior population, we are familiar with the special health challenges that tend to plague this group, and our goal is to encourage seniors to be able to live a healthier lifestyle as they age in place independently versus needing to transfer to another facility for needing further care. The elderly experience higher rates of chronic disease, including diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. On their behalf, we support DaVita's efforts to improve access to dialysis services in Woodridge. Dialysis is necessary for those who have end-stage renal disease and is administered three times per week. There is currently no dialysis clinic in Woodridge and area clinics are becoming full due to increasing demand for these services in the area.

The proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic will help address these access issues and ensure that area seniors continue to have access to the care they need. We at Woodridge Horizon support the proposed clinic and request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Rutgers Park Dialysis.

Sincerely,

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Dezirae Rios
Property Manager of Woodridge Horizon Senior Living Community



May 11, 2018

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Dear Chair Olson,

I am the owner of SpeedPro Imaging DuPage, a leader in large format imagery and visual communications. Our Speed Pro Imaging location opened seven years ago and we are active in the local community, including neighboring Woodridge.

As you may be aware, the Woodridge area is rapidly growing, and grew by approximately 33% from 2013 to 2017 alone. As an area business owner, I am thrilled to see the local economy doing well and new families moving to town. We have an ongoing housing boom in the area and will soon have our first senior assisted living community. By many accounts, it is a wonderful time to be in Woodridge.

However, such rapid growth also brings its own challenges, including strain on our existing healthcare infrastructure. Local businesses pay special attention to these issues because they can hurt our efforts to recruit valuable employees. We need robust healthcare and other community resources to make our community attractive to those considering relocating from Chicago or other areas of the state. For potential employees whose families are personally impacted by chronic disease, such infrastructure is of great importance to them when considering their options for relocation. This includes convenient access to dialysis services.

There is no dialysis clinic currently located in Woodridge, and those in the surrounding area are heavily utilized. As a result, these clinics have limited availability for new patients and limited time slots available to accommodate patients' schedules. For this reason, we welcome DaVita and the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to the area. We are also pleased to have a new major provider in the area as it will allow new employees or their family members who may use DaVita presently to seamlessly continue such care in Woodridge.

On behalf of SpeedPro Imaging DuPage, I fully support the proposed clinic and these efforts to improve access to health services in the Woodridge area. I request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Delaney', is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Delaney
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