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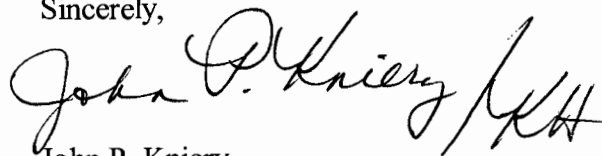
Re: Project No. 17-014, Rutgers Park Dialysis

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letters from Senator Richard J. Durbin, Senator John F. Curran and Alden Estates of Naperville for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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May 15, 2018

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

I am writing to support and for DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to open Rutgers Dialysis in Woodridge.

Woodridge is a vibrant and rapidly developing community that is also home to a large number of seniors and will soon have a new senior assisted living community and independent living center. With these developments, area providers project an increasing number of residents will require dialysis in the coming years. I support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to proactively address this community need with the Rutgers Park clinic, so the availability of these life-saving services can continue to grow with area needs.

I also applaud DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's innovative spirits and the collaborative partnership that underlies their pending dialysis projects in DuPage County. Through the Group's collaborative, team-oriented care model, they reduced these fragile seniors' hospital admissions, re-admissions, and complications by fifty percent. These special efforts by American health care providers must be celebrated and, where possible, replicated. I understand that DaVita and DuPage Medical Group intend to provide similar care coordination at the Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to the benefit of their shared patients.

I fully support these collaborative approaches to health care and DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's commitment to providing high quality dialysis care to residents of Woodridge. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this clinic and enable these providers to serve the growing number of dialysis patients in Woodridge. Please do not hesitate to contact my Springfield office should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chairwoman
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Re: Support for Rutgers Park Dialysis (Proj. No. 17-014)

Dear Ms. Olson:

As an Illinois State Senator elected to represent the residents of the 41st District, I write to voice my support for DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to open Rutgers Dialysis in Woodridge.

As you may know, Woodridge is a vibrant and rapidly developing community. It also is home to a large number of seniors and will soon have a new senior assisted living community and independent living center. These developments are great for Woodridge but also underscore the importance of having appropriate health care services to serve this growing population. This is particularly true with respect to dialysis services because area providers project an increasing number of residents will require dialysis in the coming years. I support DaVita and DuPage efforts to proactively address this community need with the Rutgers Park clinic, so these life-saving services can continue to grow with area needs.

I also applaud DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's innovative spirits and the collaborative partnership that underlies their pending dialysis projects in DuPage County. Dr. Mathew Philip, a DuPage Medical Group physician who leads the BreakThrough Care Center recently testified in the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health about the practice's efforts to work with area seniors whose previous health care was fragmented and who suffered from chronic ailments. Through the Group's collaborative, team-oriented care model, they reduced these fragile seniors' hospital admissions, re-admissions, and complications by fifty percent. These special efforts by American health care providers must be celebrated and, where possible, replicated. I understand that DaVita and DuPage Medical Group intend to provide similar care coordination at the Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to the benefit of their shared patients.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Curran".

John F. Curran

Illinois State Senator of the 41st District



Alden Estates of Naperville, Inc.

Kathryn Olson, Chair
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RE: Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge, Project 17-014

Dear Chair Olson:

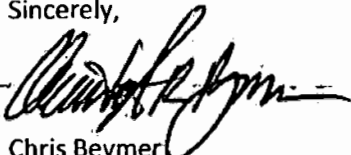
I am the licensed Administrator who oversees the operation of Alden Estates of Naperville, a health care and senior living provider specializing in transitional and post-acute services. On behalf of our patients, I am writing to express support for DaVita's proposal to build Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic in neighboring Woodridge. Like Naperville, Woodridge has seen a significant influx of elderly patients who rely upon offsite dialysis service centers to coordinate necessary, life sustaining dialysis care for complex, chronic diseases such as: hypertension, diabetes and kidney diseases.

For each dialysis patients, facility personnel coordinate or, if needed, provide transportation to offsite dialysis appointments three times weekly. This process requires careful coordination and is not an easy feat for our patients or care coordinators due to limited availability at Naperville, Bolingbrook, and Downers Grove dialysis centers. Due to limited availability, our drivers frequently make multiple trips to each dialysis clinic per day because our patients are unable to be scheduled for overlapping appointment times, and it is also becoming increasingly difficult to schedule new patient dialysis appointments with area clinics. Unfortunately, it is the patients who, ultimately, are most affected by the lack of availability or significant delays in dialysis services; it not only affects the quality of their dialysis care, but also limits their ability to participate in facility clinical or therapy services essential to rehabilitate the patient home.

Alden of Naperville is pleased to serve our patients and we do our best to coordinate each person's dialysis care with their other health needs. Unfortunately, this high utilization of area clinics is creating unnecessary hardships for our patients and other area patients with end-stage renal failure. They would greatly benefit from improved access to dialysis services in the Woodridge area.

For these reasons, we hope to welcome DaVita, a dialysis provider with a national reputation for high quality patient care, to DuPage County. We know our patients will benefit from having an additional dialysis provider in the area, in addition to having better appointment availability. We also look forward to the care coordination that Rutgers Park Dialysis will allow between DaVita and DuPage Medical Group to further improve dialysis patient care and outcomes in our community. Alden Estates of Naperville fully supports the proposed clinic and we respectfully ask that you approve the project in June.

Sincerely,


Chris Beymer
Administrator