



ILLINOIS STATE SENATE  
**TOM CULLERTON**  
STATE SENATOR • 23<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

September 6, 2017

Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

**RE: Proposed In-Center Hemodialysis Facilities**

- #17-013 - Geneva Crossing Dialysis (Carol Stream, Illinois)
- #17-014 - Rutgers Park Dialysis (Woodridge, Illinois)
- #17-015 - Stone Quarry Dialysis (Hodgkins, Illinois)
- #17-016 - Salt Creek Dialysis (Villa Park, Illinois)

Dear Chair Olson and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I am writing to express support of the Certificate of Need requests filed by DaVita Inc. and DuPage Medical Group, Ltd. ("DMG") for the development of new facilities to provide life-sustaining dialysis treatment, education, and support for patients with kidney disease.

An estimated 1.1 million people are living with kidney disease in Illinois, and as many as 900,000 may not even know they have it. The proposed projects will ensure that these communities are equipped to handle this growing health crisis.

DaVita and DMG are leaders within the medical community and strive to continually improve clinical outcomes and deliver the highest level of care through innovative practices. Currently, DMG patients who require dialysis services may be removed from DMG's continuum of care. Through the development of the proposed facilities, patients will remain within DMG's continuum of care, allowing the providers to optimize patient health and outcomes.

In addition to the patient health benefits, the communities will benefit from the creation of construction and facility operation jobs. With a record of responsible growth and management, DaVita and DMG will ensure these facilities serve as an economic catalyst for years to come.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board consider the positive impact of these joint venture developments and approve these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tom Cullerton".

Senator Tom Cullerton