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

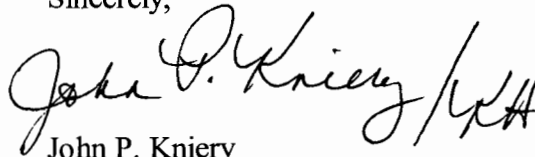
**Re: Project No. 17-016, Salt Creek Dialysis**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Senator Richard J. Durbin for the above referenced project.

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

Sincerely,



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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1304

May 15, 2018

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

Dear Chair Olson,

I am writing to support and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to open Salt Creek Dialysis in Villa Park.

Nineteen miles west of the Chicago Loop, nearly 275,000 residents live within a five mile radius of Villa Park and this region continues to grow as elderly residents and families move to the suburbs. Unfortunately this region of the state lacks adequate access to dialysis. The service area surrounding the proposed Salt Creek Dialysis clinic is seriously underserved, with a ratio of one station to every 4,056 residents, compared to the state average of one station for every 2,735. This illustrates the lagging infrastructure in the area and underscores the importance of DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to proactively address this community need with the Salt Creek Dialysis 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. 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 Salt Creek Dialysis clinic to the benefit of their shared patients.

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

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
U.S. Senator

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