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**Support for project 17-043, DaVita Romeoville Dialysis**

Dear Members of the Review Board:

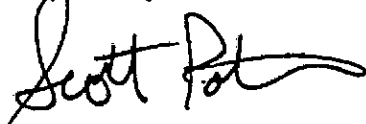
I am writing to endorse the Certificate of Need applied for by DaVita Romeoville Dialysis (project 17-043).

As the board president for the Romeoville Chamber of Commerce as well as the director of the White Oak Library District in Romeoville, I have become aware of the need for dialysis stations in Romeoville. This is especially crucial because we currently have no existing facilities within the village. This is a huge liability in a growing community such as ours.

The number of people diagnosed with kidney disease has doubled during each of the last two decades. Although it can occur at any age, older Americans are at higher risk because they are living longer than did previous generations, thanks to advances in medicine and changes in lifestyle. Kidney disease is more prevalent in the senior population than in the general population. As the baby-boomers enter their 60s and 70s, the number of Americans with kidney disease is expected to increase significantly. More than one in three women living in the U.S. and one in five men will live to the age of 90, which further affects the incidence and prevalence of kidney disease.

Please vote yes on a Certificate of Need for DaVita Romeoville Dialysis.

Respectfully,



Scott Pointon  
Board President  
Romeoville Chamber of Commerce