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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Northgrove Dialysis (Proj. No. 17-049)

Dear Ms. Olson:

I was born and raised in the Highland, Illinois area, and I am privileged to be pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church. St. Paul's is a parish of over 4,500 members and 1,800 families, and we are very proud to be part of Highland.

As a pastor, I am fortunate to celebrate many stages of life with my parishioners. I rejoice with each baptism and I offer comfort during hardship. With our aging population in Highland, I often see firsthand the toll that chronic disease can have on a person and his or her family, and I appreciate the many exceptional health services that offer medical support to area residents, including those provided at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital.

Unfortunately, for patients with kidney failure, Highland does not have a dialysis clinic. Residents with kidney failure must travel to other communities for care. This increases the burden on patients and their families during what is often a stressful time, and the distance can be especially difficult for elderly patients, who may have vision problems and do not drive or are less mobile than they used to be.

We are fortunate that DaVita is willing to bring these services to our community by establishing Northgrove Dialysis. Having a dialysis clinic in Highland will help to ensure continuity of care for area kidney patients and will alleviate some of the strain of living with a chronic disease. It will also help residents to stay in the community they love, rather than feel they ought to move out of town to be closer to a treatment facility.

I support the proposed Northgrove Dialysis clinic and request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Father Pat Jakel, Pastor



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We have a hospital in Highland, and one area of treatment that is becoming increasingly important for some of our citizens – particularly our seniors and chronically ill residents – is kidney care services. We have a provider that is willing to bring these services to our community with the establishment of a small dialysis clinic: Northgrove Dialysis.

Having a dialysis clinic in town will avoid the long trips that Highland kidney patients have to take three times a week to receive treatment. It will also help to keep our residents grounded, because some may otherwise consider moving out of town to be closer to a treatment facility.

We support DaVita in its efforts to bring this service to Highland and I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the proposed clinic.

Sincerely,

David Kunkel
President, Managing Broker

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Rev. Rob Kirbach

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I personally have a family member that falls into this category and I know the struggle that it is to find reliable transportation for her to travel to Maryville three times a week. Dialysis enough is a strain on the body but also having to travel to and from is exhausting, not only for the person going through treatment, but also family members/paid staff that may have to transport them. Either they must spend that time at the hospital waiting or drive back to Highland only to return a few hours later, depending on the treatment. Unfortunately, these are usually very long-term commitments and I know that my family member will be going to dialysis until her end of time.

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Jessica Prichard

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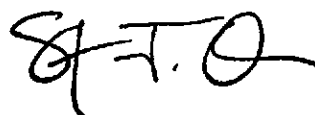
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley R. Pfitzner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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