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20 Central Blvd
Highland, IL 62249

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

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

Dear Ms. Olson:

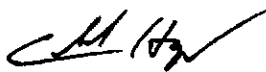
As a stakeholder in the Highland community, I want to see our town remain vital for years to come. Highland has a vibrant business sector and entrepreneurial spirit. However, like many smaller communities in the state, our population is aging and many residents need ongoing access to health care services.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHAD HAYES", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chad Hayes

General Manager