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October 18, 2017

Ms. Kathy Olson  
Chairperson  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Letter of Support Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago  
Project 17-052**

Dear Ms. Olson,

I am writing to support and encourage the Illinois Health Facilities Board to approve the 14-station dialysis facility that Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago is proposing to establish at 10801 S. Western Ave, Suite 100, Chicago, IL, 60643.

It is my understanding that the new facility will help address the growing need for dialysis services in the area, easing the burden on staff at existing clinics that are currently operating at or above capacity and make it easier for area patients to get the appropriate treatment options. Studies have also shown that access and continuity of care are especially important for chronic care patients, and that having a medical "home" helps reduce health care costs as well as medical complications.

There is an urgent need of the dialysis services to this area as most residents of the community lack proper health insurance. This center will accommodate all patients regardless of their insurance status. Access to care is an important issue for me and my constituents. I am very attuned to our area's health care issues and dedicated to providing our community with sufficient medical access and, when possible, a better quality of life.

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I believe local, community-based medical facilities are vital as they allow residents to be near their homes and spend more time at work, with their loved ones or otherwise enjoying productive lives.

I strongly believe adding needed medical facilities to this area will benefit residents in my community and I give my full support to Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago. I highly recommend that Illinois Health and Services Review Board approve the Dialysis Care Center Beverly, Chicago application for the dialysis services facility in Chicago.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Cunningham".

Bill Cunningham  
Illinois State Senator, District 18

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