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

RE: North Dunes Dialysis (Project 17-066)

Dear Ms. Olson,

I was born and raised in the City of Waukegan. I am a member of the City of Waukegan Chamber of Commerce and I am a proud business owner in Waukegan, a beautiful city on the shores of Lake Michigan. Our city has plans to revitalize our lake front area and we are actively investing in the future of Waukegan, so that our resources can continue to serve future generations for years to come.

We are also committed to making sure our health care resources are sufficient to support our aging population and those living with chronic disease. This is an essential task given Waukegan's federal designation as a medically underserved area and health professional shortage area.

Unfortunately for dialysis patients in Waukegan, our existing clinics are full and patients will soon need to seek care out of town. For this reason, I write to support the proposed North Dunes Dialysis project. This additional clinic will help meet the needs of the growing number of Waukegan residents with kidney disease. It will also help reduce the pressure on existing clinics, one of which has begun an emergency fourth shift where patients finish their dialysis after midnight. Waukegan residents deserve more convenient access to health care services.

We support DaVita in its efforts to improve dialysis access in Waukegan and I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the proposed application in full.

Sincerely,

Kathy Larsen Sivia
Administrative Manager

