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Via Federal Express

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

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD



Re: North Dunes Dialysis (Proj. No. 17-066)

Dear Ms. Olson:

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While Vista Medical Center East offers a broad array of health services in Waukegan, we do not provide outpatient dialysis. We instead work closely with community providers who provide dialysis to our patients living with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). DaVita is a key partner in ensuring our patients have access to high quality dialysis services.

We understand that there is a material need for additional dialysis stations in Waukegan because both clinics are at or nearing capacity. We fully support DaVita's proposed project to address this access issue in our community, and I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the application for North Dunes Dialysis.

Sincerely,

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Norman Stephens, FACHE
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