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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Support for project 17-066, DaVita North Dunes Dialysis, Waukegan

Dear Ms. Avery and Members of the Review Board:

As a member of the Lake County Board who serves Waukegan, I wish to convey my full support for the DaVita North Dunes Dialysis Center proposed for Waukegan (project 17-066).

Residents in Waukegan are at heightened risk of developing chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease based on demographic statistics and income levels. In addition, the proposed clinic is located in a federally-designated medically underserved area and within a health professional shortage area. The two existing dialysis clinics in Waukegan are nearing 100% capacity, so the time to act is now.

DaVita consistently ranks first in outcomes as scored by the federal government in a rating system aimed at improving the quality of care provided to Medicare patients – a distinction DaVita has held for the last four years. DaVita also holds the highest total performance score among all large dialysis organizations.

In addition, I applaud the fact that DaVita accepts and dialyzes patients with renal failure who need a regular course of hemodialysis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or ability to pay.

Please approve the Certificate of Need for DaVita North Dunes Dialysis.

Respectfully,

Ms. Mary Ross Cunningham
Lake County Board Member, District #9