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Ms. Debra Savage  
Chairperson  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62671

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**Re: Letter of Support DaVita Alpine Dialysis Project 19-050**

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to support and encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the eight-station dialysis facility for DaVita Alpine Dialysis.

It is my understanding the new facility will help address the growing need for dialysis services in the area by closing an underutilized clinic in Freeport and making it easier for Rockford-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 of the area's population 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. 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.

Adding needed medical facilities to this area will benefit residents in my community, and I give my full support to DaVita Alpine Dialysis. I highly recommend that Illinois Health and Services Review Board approve the DaVita Alpine Dialysis application for the facility in Rockford.

Thank you,

Thomas P. McNamara  
Mayor, City of Rockford