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Good Afternoon Mike,

Please find the attached PDF copy of a support letter written by the United Neighborhood Organization. This letter is written in support of the U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis, U.S. Renal Care Oak Brook Dialysis, and U.S. Renal Care Streamwood Dialysis certificate of need applications, project numbers 11-025, 11-024 and 11-026, respectively. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thanks,
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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis Certificate of Need Application, Project No. 11-025
U.S. Renal Care Oak Brook Dialysis Certificate of Need Application, Project No. 11-024
U.S. Renal Care Streamwood Dialysis Certificate of Need Application, Project No. 11-026

Dear Chairman Galassie:

This letter is written in support of the above referenced U.S. Renal Care Dialysis Certificate of Need Applications. The Hispanic population has experienced significant growth in Will County, DuPage County, and Kane County.

In addition to the high population growth in these counties, Hispanic populations also suffer from an incidence rate of end stage renal disease which is one and a half times greater than for Non-Hispanic Whites. This rate of incidence is more severe in certain populations with some studies documenting incidence rates for diabetic end stage renal disease as high as six times for Mexican Americans as compared to their Non-Hispanic White counterparts. It is clear that without these projects the high incidence of end stage renal disease coupled with the growth of Hispanic residents in these counties will result in an extreme shortfall in dialysis resources. Access to quality healthcare is paramount for the Hispanic population and the state of Illinois cannot afford to neglect the growing healthcare needs of its Hispanic residents.

It is important to note that the Hispanic population over the last ten years in Bolingbrook has grown nearly 145%, from 7,371 in 2000 to 17,957 in 2010. Similarly, this growth also represents a higher proportion of Bolingbrook residents, from 13.1% in 2000 to 24.5% in 2010. This proportion of Hispanic residents exceeds similar demographic populations for both the state of Illinois and Will County, at 15.8% and 15.6% respectively.

I believe that these projects are essential to meet the needs of the Hispanic community and urge the Board to approve these projects.

Respectfully,

Juan Rangel
Chief Executive Officer