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**Attachments:** Driftwood Dialysis Patient Support Letters (10-26-2011).pdf, pdf

George,

Attached please find 11 patient support letters for Driftwood Dialysis Proj. No. 11-066. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Anne

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525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
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**Re: Letter of Support for Driftwood Dialysis, Project No. 11-066**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Freeport, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Driftwood Dialysis, a 10-station dialysis facility to be located at 180 South West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois. The only dialysis facility in Stephenson County, Freeport Dialysis, is operating above 100% utilization and it is difficult to schedule dialysis during an optimal shift. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients in Freeport that a second dialysis facility is established to maintain sufficient access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

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Additionally, I am 75 years old and rely on a wheelchair to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

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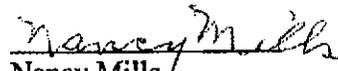
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Sincerely,

  
Nancy Mills  
900 Kiwanis Dr.  
Freeport, IL. 61032

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Additionally, I am 69 years old and rely on a cane to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

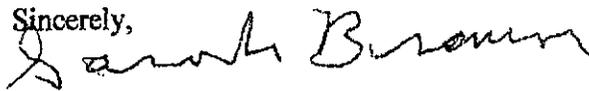
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Sarah Brown  
828 S. Adams Ave.  
Freeport, IL. 61032

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I depend on a friend to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for four hours each time, my friend has to wait for me. This is very difficult for my friend. It is also difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 76 years old and rely on a wheelchair to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

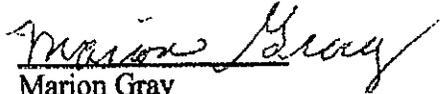
Freeport Dialysis is operating above 100% utilization. I receive dialysis treatments during 4th shift every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. This is not optimal. Not only am I at an increased risk for falls because I am leaving the facility in the dark, but it is also a hardship for my friend who must transport me to and from my appointment. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at Freeport Dialysis and provide more scheduling flexibility at both facilities.

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Sincerely,



Marion Gray  
560 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Lot 20  
Monroe, WI. 53566

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I depend on public transportation to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for almost four hours each time, my driver does not wait for me. It is difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 66 years old and I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

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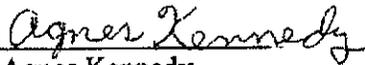
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Agnes Kennedy  
1731 S. Hance Dr., Apt 102  
Freeport, IL. 61032

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I depend on myself to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for four to five hours each time, no one waits for me. Although I am able to drive myself, I realize that transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 80 years old and I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

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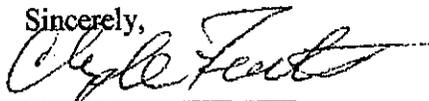
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Clyde Fruth  
3060 W. Prairie Rd.  
Freeport IL. 61032

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I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Cedarville, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Driftwood Dialysis, a 10-station dialysis facility to be located at 180 South West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois. The only dialysis facility in Stephenson County, Freeport Dialysis, is operating above 100% utilization and it is difficult to schedule dialysis during an optimal shift. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients in Freeport that a second dialysis facility is established to maintain sufficient access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on family and public transportation to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for over four hours each time, my caregiver usually does not wait for me. This means he has to go from home to the facility/back home and then make another trip to retrieve me. This is very difficult for my son. It is also difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 87 years old and rely on a wheelchair to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

Freeport Dialysis is operating above 100% utilization. I receive dialysis treatments during 3rd shift every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 2:10pm to 5:40pm. This is not optimal. Not only am I at an increased risk for falls because I am leaving the facility during the winter in the dark, but it is also a hardship for my family who must transport me to and from my appointment. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at Freeport Dialysis and provide more scheduling flexibility at both facilities.

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Sincerely,

  
Duane Scheider  
PO Box 292  
Cedarville, IL. 61013

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I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Stockton, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Driftwood Dialysis, a 10-station dialysis facility to be located at 180 South West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois. The only dialysis facility in Stephenson County, Freeport Dialysis, is operating above 100% utilization and it is difficult to schedule dialysis during an optimal shift. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients in Freeport that a second dialysis facility is established to maintain sufficient access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on public transport to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for four to five hours each time, my transporter does not wait for me. This means he has to go from Stockton to the facility, back to Stockton and then make another trip to retrieve me. This is very difficult for my transporter. It is also difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

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Freeport Dialysis is operating above 100% utilization. I receive dialysis treatments during 3rd shift every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:45pm to 5:45pm. This is not optimal. Not only am I at an increased risk for falls because I am leaving the facility in the dark during the winter, but it is also a hardship for my driver who must transport me to and from my appointment. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at Freeport Dialysis and provide more scheduling flexibility at both facilities.

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Sincerely,  


Eugene Offenheiser  
965 S. Stockton Rd.  
Stockton, IL. 61085

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Additionally, I am 73 years old and rely on a my husband's assistance to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

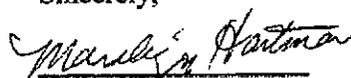
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Marilyn Hartman  
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3410 Loras Dr.  
Freeport, IL. 61032

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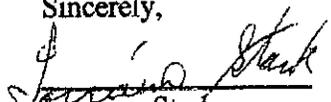
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Corraine Stark  
2396 W. Stephenson St.  
Freeport, IL. 61032

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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Stockton, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Driftwood Dialysis, a 10-station dialysis facility to be located at 180 South West Avenue, Freeport, Illinois. The only dialysis facility in Stephenson County, Freeport Dialysis, is operating above 100% utilization and it is difficult to schedule dialysis during an optimal shift. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients in Freeport that a second dialysis facility is established to maintain sufficient access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on myself to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. Because I am at the facility for three to four each time, my family can not wait for me. This is very difficult for me. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 68 years old and have difficulty driving at night. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls and make driving safer for me.

Freeport Dialysis is operating above 100% utilization. I receive dialysis treatments during 3rd shift every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. This is not optimal. Not only am I at an increased risk for falls because I am leaving the facility in the dark, but it is also a hardship for my family who must transport me to and from my appointment in the winter. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at Freeport Dialysis and provide more scheduling flexibility at both facilities.

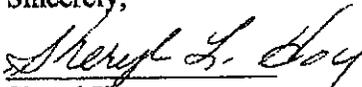
DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services in the United States. It has taken on many initiatives to improve the lives of patients suffering from chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. DaVita recognizes the unique and vital role it plays in enhancing care for renal

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patients throughout the country. I am grateful to have the benefit of a provider like DaVita in my community.

I fully support the proposed relocation of Driftwood Dialysis.

Sincerely,



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