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Mike,

Attached please find the support letter for Lake Park Dialysis from Alderman Burns. We will also bring a copy of the letter to the Board meeting.

Thanks.

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January 6, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Lake Park Dialysis - Proj. No. 11-102

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am the Alderman representing Chicago's 4th ward, which includes the Lake Park Dialysis' proposed relocation site and the surrounding community. I am writing to express my support for DaVita's proposal to relocate its existing facility to 43rd Street and South Cottage Grove in Chicago. Lake Park Dialysis provides dialysis treatment for Chicago residents who reside in my Ward. This new location will ensure continued access to dialysis services for our community.

This project has been vetted with my community on several occasions and DaVita representatives have presented this project to my constituents. The community has been given an opportunity to voice its opinion about this project and has not identified any problems with the facility's relocation that have not been addressed by DaVita. As such, I fully support DaVita's application for a certificate of need to relocate and expand its existing facility.

Unfortunately, the kidney failure incident rate in the area community is much higher than in the general population. With the high levels of the co-morbidities of end-stage renal disease- obesity, hypertension and diabetes - in the general population, demand for dialysis will continue to rise. The current Lake Park Dialysis delivers essential health care services to our community and needs to be relocated as soon as possible to provide for continuity of care for its patients.

There are many hardships for dialysis patients and there is no reason to deprive them of receiving continued service from their current University of Chicago physicians and their patient care staff. As such, the relocation of Lake Park Dialysis is necessary to continue providing vital services for our community. I urge you to approve this relocation as presented by DaVita.

Sincerely,

William D. Burns
Alderman - 4th Ward