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

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Schaumburg Renal Center, Project No. 12-009

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am Vice President of External Affairs for Alexian Brothers Health System. We support for DaVita's expansion of Schaumburg Renal Center, which will provide on-going outpatient care for a chronically-ill patient population.

We are currently facing two public health crises in the United States. Over 78 million U.S. adults and about 12.5 million U.S. children and adolescents are considered obese. Likewise, diabetes affects 25.8 million adults and children in the United States, or 8.3% of the population, according to the American Diabetes Association. By 2020, an estimated 52% of the adult population will have diabetes or prediabetes. Aside from the major implications for life expectancy, spending associated with diabetes and prediabetes are expected to reach \$500 billion by 2020.

As an effort to address these issues, Alexian Brothers has initiated a number of programs to assist patients achieving a healthier weight and lifestyle. Our Advanced Weight Solutions program places patients with a team of professionals to provide individual and group treatment for weight and chronic disease management. Furthermore, our Chronic Diabetes Self-Management program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association. We offer education sessions with on an individual and group basis for Registered Dietitians and Registered Nurses that focus on designing customized meal plans, education on blood glucose monitoring, and medication management.

While we value these programs and are pleased with their success, prevention and management are only one part of the solution to ensure that patients receive the care they need. The obesity and diabetes epidemics have resulted in significant increases in demand for dialysis services. We regularly see patients coming into our emergency rooms who are in kidney failure and who have lost their kidney function. Once these patients are stabilized, we need to place them in facilities like Schaumburg Renal Care.

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DaVita provides life sustaining dialysis services for the communities we serve and has invested in many quality initiatives to improve its patients' health and outcomes. Access to these services, as well as the development of preventive programs, are necessary to combat these public health crises. DaVita, as a leading provider of these services, is well-suited to address these needs, and we are pleased to support their expansion of services in our community.

Thus, we urge the Board to approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelley Clancy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelley" being more prominent than the last name "Clancy".

Kelley Clancy
Vice President of External Affairs
Alexian Brothers Health System