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Good Morning Mike,

Please find the attached PDF copy of a letter written in support of the U.S. Renal Care Villa Park Dialysis certificate of need application, project number 12-026.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thanks,

Shawn

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April 27, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie  
Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Villa Park Dialysis Facility

Dear Chairman Galassie,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for U.S. Renal Care's application for a new dialysis treatment center in Villa Park. As a physician, I see patients throughout the region in communities including Villa Park, Addison, Oakbrook and Chicago. I am also affiliated with Access Community Health Network, Chicagoland's largest private provider of primary health care that delivers primary and preventative care to the underserved in more than 50 community health centers throughout the region.

Many of my patients suffer from chronic kidney disease and diabetes – two of the leading causes of kidney failure – and require regular dialysis treatment. What I hear from them in terms of wait times is unacceptable. It is clear to me that there is a far greater demand than can be met with the area's current capacity. That is why I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the application before it for a new dialysis facility in Villa Park.

While we can't control the amount of time a single session takes – often three or four hours – we do have the power to reduce unreasonable wait times and put facilities in more convenient locations. As dialysis patients will tell you, they must visit a treatment center several times a week and spend hours there each visit. As a medical professional, nothing is more important to me than ensuring my patients are as healthy as they can be. The more convenient we can make that experience, the less likely they are to skip treatments and the healthier they will stay. I believe a new facility in Villa Park would address many of the challenges our patients face, and thereby improve the quality of life among our patients.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to support what I believe is critical to the area's dialysis patients. Without it, they have no choice but to travel far distances and spend hours waiting for critical treatment. I urge you to approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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