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Mr. Dale Galassie  
Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Dear Chairman Galassie:

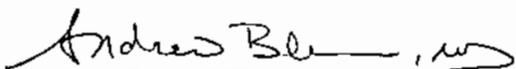
I respectfully submit this letter of strong support for Dr. Michael Cohan and his work with U.S. Renal Care to open a dialysis facility in Villa Park. Ensuring patients have access and a real choice in where they receive care is paramount. As medical professionals, it is incumbent upon us to ensure that the care we provide is not just quality, but also accessible and convenient. I believe a Villa Park location is a step in the right direction to deliver care where it is most needed.

I also support this project because of Dr. Cohan's leadership role. Dr. Cohan has over 20 years of experience in treating patients with end-stage renal failure and transplantation. I find him to be a superlative physician. He delivers the highest quality of care to his patients, with whom he has a wonderful rapport. From his dedication to their well-being, to his manner and medical abilities, Dr. Cohan is highly regarded among his peers and patients alike. Many times his patients have vascular issues or other health-related problems that require collaboration and close coordination. I consistently find that Dr. Cohan puts the wellness of his patients first.

I applaud Dr. Cohan's work to open a new dialysis facility in Villa Park. As physicians, we are all too aware of the barriers that patients face in accessing critical health and wellness care. I believe that we should do everything in our power to ensure that the care we deliver is convenient, welcoming and compassionate for patients, particularly those that suffer from chronic, life-threatening conditions like kidney failure.

I strongly believe that Dr. Cohan and U.S. Renal Care's proposed facility will help meet the demand for health care services in our communities. The project's leadership has a long history of delivering critical care that improves quality of life for the patients as well as the families who support them. I urge this board to approve the application for a U.S. Renal Care facility in Villa Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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