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Mr. Dale Galassie  
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Chairman Galassie:

I'm writing in support of Dr. Michael Cohan regarding his plans to open a dialysis center in Villa Park in partnership with U.S. Renal Care. I have no doubt that Dr. Cohan would be well-suited to serve as a Medical Director of a dialysis facility. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Michael Cohan for more than four years. Working as a hospitalist at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, Dr. Cohan and I collaborate regularly on patients with multiple health care issues, including nephrology-related care.

As physicians, we are keenly aware of the role that positive relationships play in providing quality care for our patients. In our work together, I regularly witness Dr. Cohan's interactions with patients and how well they respond to him. In addition to being an excellent physician, Dr. Cohan knows his patients, and has a remarkable ability to help them understand their health care issues and put them at ease. Patients absolutely love him, and I believe it is because he truly sees himself as a partner in their care and wellness.

I have no doubt that Dr. Cohan would be well-suited to serve as the Medical Director of the planned dialysis facility for Villa Park. He is an expert nephrologist, and puts patient care above all else. I am confident that the kind of care and attention he brings to each of his patients and their families are precisely the kind of qualities needed to manage a facility that serves elderly and chronically ill patients. I am confident that patients would benefit greatly under his care at the proposed Villa Park dialysis facility. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Potaczek, M.D.



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May 15, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie  
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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing to you today to express my full support of Dr. Michael Cohan and the application before you to approve a U.S. Renal Care dialysis facility in Villa Park. I believe this application is an opportunity to deliver the kind of vital services that are in such demand among patients in the area. In addition, Dr. Cohan is a well-respected physician who is a model of patient care, commitment, and medical expertise for me and many of my colleagues.

Like Dr. Cohan, I practice medicine at the Elmhurst Clinic. I first met him when I began there seven years ago. I feel fortunate that he took the time to show me the ropes and make sure that I had everything I needed to be an effective physician. This kind of care and attention from him is not unique; Dr. Cohan brings these qualities to every conversation, whether it is with a colleague, a patient, or their family. Patients see it in the late hours he stays behind; physicians see it when they coordinate care for a patient with him.

As a gastroenterologist, I frequently collaborate with Dr. Cohan, particularly on patients with liver problems. One recent example stands out to me because not only did Dr. Cohan deliver excellent care to the patient, he provided support to the family as they navigated the emotional and stressful process. If given the choice, I will always elect to have Dr. Cohan on the team. He brings with him invaluable medical expertise and an unmatched ability to put patients at ease and get them the care they need.

Demand for this kind of vital health care is only going to grow. I believe this project is necessary to meet that demand. I urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to seriously consider and approve the project to open a U.S. Renal Care facility in Villa Park. Dr. Cohan's integrity coupled with the track record of U.S. Renal Care to deliver excellent treatment and support makes this a worthwhile project for our region.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Lynch

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Dear Chairman Galassie:

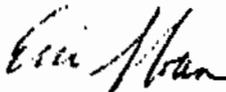
Thank you for the opportunity to voice my strong support for Dr. Michael Cohan and his work with U.S. Renal Care to open a dialysis facility in Villa Park. It is critical that patients, particularly the chronically ill and the elderly have access to the care and services, such as dialysis, that keep them well. As the incidence of diabetes and other health-related issues increase among our aging population, it is critical that we, as a medical community, respond to that demand with the care and services our patients require.

In the 18 years that I have known Dr. Cohan, I have been consistently impressed by the high caliber of care and dedication he shows his patients. Nothing is more important to him than his patients' well-being. I regularly witness his efforts that go far above and beyond the call of duty to ensure their comfort and care. If given the opportunity, I am confident he will serve as an excellent Medical Director for the facility.

As an anesthesiologist at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, I collaborate frequently with Dr. Cohan on patients who visit our pain clinic. Patients frequently boast about how lucky they are to have Dr. Cohan as their nephrologist and how much they value the care he provides. It is easy to understand why his patients have such an affinity for him: he is honest, devoted, passionate and has the utmost integrity when it comes to delivering care. You just don't see that kind of devotion in many doctors today.

I couldn't be more supportive of this project. The role that access to care plays in patients' health and well-being cannot be overstated, and I believe this effort to expand dialysis care in the area is exactly what patients need. In addition to the need for this kind of care, I believe Dr. Cohan would bring significant value as Medical Director of the facility. It is clear that he sees himself as a partner in his patients' health. This most recent work with U.S. Renal Care to open a dialysis in Villa Park is yet another example of Dr. Cohan doing just that. I urge you to approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Eric Sloan

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of Dr. Cohan and U.S. Renal Care's application for a facility in Villa Park. My name is Michael Lumpkin. I am 37 years old, and I have been a dialysis patient of Dr. Cohan's for almost two years. Dr. Cohan is a wonderful doctor, and I believe many patients would benefit from a Villa Park facility.

As it stands now, most of us only have one option for our dialysis treatments. I know that many of Dr. Cohan's patients, including myself, would benefit from having another choice when it comes to treatment facilities. That is why I am in full support of Dr. Cohan opening a dialysis center in Villa Park – so that other patients in my situation have more convenient access to treatment and to Dr. Cohan.

Being a dialysis patient is not easy for anyone, but Doctor Cohan makes it just a little bit easier. I am only 37 years old, and I am dealing with problems that usually affect people twice my age. I can't do a lot of the things that my friends or peers can. It's like a monkey wrench has been thrown into the mix.

Like many dialysis patients, I have other ailments on top of my renal problems, and Dr. Cohan has helped me through all of them in the last couple years. As others can tell you, being on dialysis is time-consuming and takes a major toll on you. We have to see other doctors for various conditions and then still dialyze three or more times a week. But Dr. Cohan is always available to help me and to answer my questions. One thing in particular that I appreciate is how honest and upfront he is, and I know that his other patients feel the same way.

I cannot imagine what my renal care would be like without a doctor like Dr. Cohan. If he can open a facility in Villa Park and help more patients, he should be able to. I hope you seriously consider approving his request to open a facility in Villa Park. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Lumpkin

