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

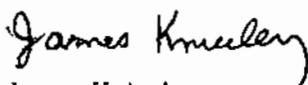
I am writing to you today because I believe that our community is in desperate need of a quality, convenient and accessible dialysis center. U.S. Renal Care's application to open a facility in Villa Park with Dr. Cohan and Dr. Kittaka has me and many other dialysis patients very optimistic because we know they always do what's in the best interest of their patients.

I currently live in Lombard and have been on dialysis for four years. Dr. Cohan and Dr. Kittaka have been my doctors for 30 years. My experience with them is always positive, and I am grateful for the support and care they have given me. When I heard that they were leading an effort to open a facility in the area, I couldn't have been more thrilled. A dialysis option in Villa Park would be a godsend because the one option that is available simply isn't a good one.

Although the facility I visit now is new, it is terribly inconvenient and difficult to navigate. The parking, for example, is extremely far away from the building itself. As you can imagine, 5 hours of dialysis treatment takes a toll on patients. Although the parking hasn't been entirely unbearable during our unseasonably warm spring, I can't imagine what it will be like in the winter months. In addition, I don't get the support and care that I feel I should get at my dialysis center, a place where I spend a significant amount of my time. Unfortunately I can't get care elsewhere because there are no other options.

I wish I could have been at the public hearing for this project because it's so important to me that it get approved, but, like many dialysis patients, it is difficult for me to get around. In closing, I respectfully urge this board to approve U.S. Renal Care's application for a Villa Park dialysis center. To patients like me, it will make all the difference. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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