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Dear Ms. Avery,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for U.S. Renal Care's application to open a dialysis center in Villa Park. I believe it is in the best interest of myself and others that we have another option. For years I went to the Villa Park facility that recently closed and moved to Elmhurst. I can't even begin to tell you how much it has impacted my life in a negative way. That is why I wholeheartedly support U.S. Renal Care's plans to open up a Villa Park facility in the same location.

The second dialysis shift – from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – has always the best option for me because it allows me to drop my son off at school, dialyze and be done in time to go pick him up. Keeping that schedule was never a problem at the Villa Park facility. However the extra distance and the extra time it takes to travel to and from Elmhurst is making that more difficult. Several times at the Elmhurst facility, I have had to disconnect and leave treatment early so that I could make it to the school in time to pick him up. I shouldn't have to choose between receiving life-saving dialysis care and being a parent.

As someone who lives with dialysis every day, I can tell you how important it is that our treatment is convenient and accessible. We must dialyze three or four times a week and for up to 5 hours each visit. Suffice it to say that my priority is to stay healthy while maintaining quality of life so I can be there for my kids. I believe U.S. Renal Care's plans to open up the dialysis facility in Villa Park would truly make all the difference to me and my family. I hope you approve their plans so patients like me can have access to dialysis that is close to home and convenient so we can go on living our lives and do the things important to us.

Sincerely,

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