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Re: Letter of Support for Red Bud Dialysis, Project No. 12-034

Dear Mr. Galassie:

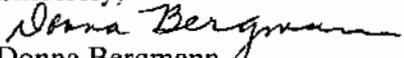
I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Sparta, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Red Bud Dialysis, an 8-station dialysis facility. There are no dialysis facilities within 30 minutes of Red Bud. As a result, I have to dialyze at Metroeast Dialysis in Belleville, which is approximately 45 minutes away. As a result, it is difficult for me to arrange transportation to make my appointments. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients living in the area that a dialysis facility is established in Red Bud to improve access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on my family to get back and forth to treatment three times a week. This is very difficult for my family. Because of the distance, my family must wait for me at the dialysis clinic.

DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services in the United States. It has taken on many initiatives to improve the lives of patients suffering from chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. DaVita recognizes the unique and vital role it plays in enhancing care for renal patients throughout the country. I am grateful to have the benefit of a provider like DaVita in my community.

I fully support the proposed Red Bud Dialysis.

Sincerely,


Donna Bergmann

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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in New Athens, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Red Bud Dialysis, an 8-station dialysis facility. There are no dialysis facilities within 30 minutes of Red Bud. As a result, I have to dialyze at Metroeast Dialysis in Belleville, which is approximately 30 minutes away. As a result, it is difficult for me arrange transportation to make my appointments. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients living in the area that a dialysis facility is established in Red Bud to improve access to dialysis. I can't live without it. I must depend on non-emergency transportation providers to get to dialysis. It is difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Waterloo, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Red Bud Dialysis, an 8-station dialysis facility. There are no dialysis facilities within 30 minutes of Red Bud. As a result, I have to dialyze at Metroeast Dialysis in Belleville, which is approximately 40 minutes away. As a result, it is difficult for me to arrange transportation to make my appointments. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients living in the area that a dialysis facility is established in Red Bud to improve access to dialysis. I can't live without it. I must depend on my spouse for transportation to get to dialysis. Because we live so far from the dialysis clinic, my spouse must wait for me at the clinic or make the long round trip drive. It is difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 82 years old and worry about driving in the winter months.

Davita Metroeast is heavily utilized. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at existing facilities.

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Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a dialysis patient, and I live in Lenzburg, Illinois. I am writing to support the establishment of Red Bud Dialysis, a 12-station dialysis facility. There are no dialysis facilities within 30 minutes of Red Bud. As a result, I have to dialyze at Metroeast Dialysis in Belleville, which is approximately 45 minutes away. As a result, it is difficult for me arrange transportation to make my appointments. It is very important to me and other dialysis patients living in the area that a dialysis facility is established in Red Bud to improve access to dialysis. I can't live without it.

I depend on family to get back and forth from dialysis three days a week. This is very difficult for my family. It is also difficult for me to be dependent in this way. I know that I'm not alone with this situation. Transportation is frequently an issue for dialysis patients, as many others are also reliant on friends and family, public transportation, non-emergency transportation providers, and nursing home staff to make our dialysis appointments. It is imperative that dialysis patients, such as myself, have regular and close access to treatment so we can schedule our dialysis around our lives and not vice versa.

Additionally, I am 78 years old and rely on a wheelchair to get around. I have a genuine fear of falling, particularly at night when it is difficult to see or during the winter when it is snowy and icy outside. I prefer to schedule my dialysis during the second shift, while it is light outside to minimize my risk for falls.

Metroeast Dialysis is heavily utilized. A new facility would alleviate overcapacity at existing facilities and provide more flexible scheduling at all facilities.

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