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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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June 13, 2012

Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 61761

RE: Project #12-052 Tazewell County Dialysis by DaVita, Inc. and Dr. Usman

Dear Chairman Galassie,

My name is Joseph Wuellner and I am the City Manager of the City of Pekin. I am writing to support the establishment of the Tazewell County Facility by DaVita. The dialysis population in this area is growing and the one existing facility, Frenesius, has already met 94.44% utilization. There is an obvious need for an additional dialysis facility in Pekin by DaVita.

Currently, Pekin residents have no other choice in the selection of a dialysis facility without having to drive 15 miles or more to Peoria. This creates scheduling issues as well as safety problems during inclement weather. Some patients have been on a waiting list for 1st and 2nd shifts for several months. Having a new facility will alleviate the hardship by offering additional 1st and 2nd shift appointments. This new facility will address the growing need for a local dialysis facility and will bring about healthy competition.

I would like to give my support for the proposed DaVita dialysis facility and ask that the board vote in favor of the Tazewell County Dialysis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Wuellner". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joe Wuellner
City Manager