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June 18, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Chairman Galassie,

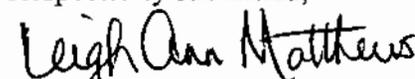
Greetings from Pekin, Illinois! The Economic Development Department for the City of Pekin was pleased to meet with Dr. Usman to learn about the potential for a Tazewell County Dialysis facility by DaVita, Inc. We were informed that Dr. Usman has more than 61 Pre-ESRD patients in Pekin and the immediate surrounding area with a growing dialysis population and only one existing facility in Pekin; which has met 94.44% utilization. Based on this information, we feel that there is an obvious need for an additional dialysis facility in Pekin.

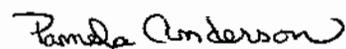
Dr. Usman also discussed that many patients that live in the surrounding area have to travel long distances for treatment and some patients have been on a waiting list for 1st and 2nd shifts for several months. Having a new local facility will alleviate the hardship on patients and their families for transportation in the winter months and offering additional 1st and 2nd shift appointments.

The City of Pekin Economic Development team fully supports the establishment of an additional dialysis facility within the City limits of Pekin. This facility would provide an array of benefits to the City of Pekin including occupying a vacant property, construction jobs, employment, additional convenience for patients, and another option for Pekin and surrounding area residents for dialysis treatment.

This facility will address the growing need for a dialysis facility and will bring healthy competition. City of Pekin Economic Development Team is dedicated and thrilled to support this proposed dialysis facility and ask the board to vote in favor of the Tazewell County Dialysis located in Pekin, IL.

Respectfully submitted,


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June 12, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Galassie,

My name is Laurie Barra, and I am the Mayor of the City of Pekin. The purpose of this letter is to support the establishment of the Tazewell County Facility by DaVita. Dr. Usman has more than 61 Pre-ESRD patients in Pekin and the immediate surrounding area. There is a growing dialysis population and only one existing facility, Fresenius, has already met 94.44% utilization. There is an obvious need for an additional dialysis facility in Pekin by DaVita and Dr. Usman.

Currently, Pekin residents have no choice to select a dialysis facility. All future patients and those currently on dialysis must deal with one dialysis company. This new facility will address the growing need for a dialysis facility and will bring healthy competition.

Many of the patients live in the surrounding area and travel long distances for treatment. Some patients have been on a waiting list for 1st and 2nd shifts for several months. Having a new facility will alleviate the hardship on patients and their families for transportation in the winter months by offering additional 1st and 2nd shift appointments.

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

Sincerely,


Laurie L. Barra