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Dale Galassi, 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:

The purpose of this letter is to support the establishment of a Tazewell County Dialysis Facility. Dr. Usman has more than 70 Pre-End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients in Pekin and the immediate surrounding area. There is a growing dialysis population; and, the only existing dialysis facility in Pekin has met 94.44% utilization.

There certainly appears to be a need to establish a dialysis facility in Pekin. A new dialysis facility will address the growing need and will allow ESRD patients a choice in location.

Many of the patients live in the surrounding areas travel long distances for treatment. Some patients have been on a waiting list for first and second shifts for several months. It is an extreme hardship for the patients and their families to transport them in winter for third shift. A new dialysis facility will address this issue immediately and satisfy the growing need for a dialysis center.

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

Yours truly,


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June 21, 2012

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Re: Project No. 12-052 -- Tazewell County Dialysis in Pekin, IL

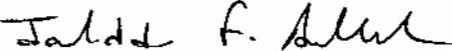
Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am a Board Certified Internist / Primary Care Physician practicing in Pekin IL. I take care of patients as both, a Hospitalist at Pekin Hospital as well as an Internist at my office in Pekin, IL.

I have noticed that Pekin and its surrounding areas, unfortunately, are home to a large number of dialysis patients which continues to grow by the day. As of now, the number of spots at the Hemodialysis facility at Pekin Hospital – the only such facility in the area is very limited. I personally know of patients who unfortunately have to travel all the way to Peoria – at great inconvenience to them and their families. At times it even leads to ‘missed dialysis treatment’, which can be very dangerous for such patients.

There is thus an immediate need of additional Hemodialysis Unit at Pekin who could cater to such patients from within and around Pekin. **I strongly support the application for “Certificate of Need” as being very timely, appropriate and truly of an urgent nature.** It will prove to be a blessing to all dialysis patients in and around Pekin by providing them with a place nearby and even provide all such patients an added option to choose their dialysis place (because as of now there are no other practical options) - if for whatever reasons they are not satisfied with services being provided at any particular site.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions you might have.

Yours Truly, 

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