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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
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Dear Ms. Avery;

I encourage the Board to approve the proposed U.S. Renal Care dialysis facility in the Village of Lemont.

I will keep this letter brief. I have been a dialysis patient since last fall, but my life is going on. I figure if I did not have dialysis, there is a 50-50 chance that I wouldn't be here right now.

Dialysis is rough, and it is tiring, but I do it because it is critical to my health. And I want to be around for my grandkids, so I take the bus to treatment three times a week. It takes me about half an hour each way, and it is not ideal, but like I said, I do it because it saves my life.

Even though I'm not driving, I'd like to have a closer clinic. The last thing anyone wants to do after dialysis is sit in a car or bus for a long time. And driving would be even worse. My kids will not let me drive, because they worry about me, but not everyone has access to a good source of transportation. For patients around this area, another facility would mean a shorter drive.

Please consider what I have written here. I know another facility in Lemont would mean a lot to those of us in the area who are on dialysis.

Yours,



Leonard Frieh