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Mr. Dale Galassie  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

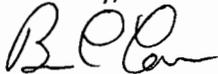
Dear Mr. Galassie:

My name is Dr. Bruce Corwin and for nearly 30 years I have been a practicing physician in Southern Cook and Will counties. Additionally, I am the founder of Corwin Medical Care, a primary care group in Plainfield, though we serve many patients in the surrounding communities. Because we are a primary care group, it is of the utmost importance that our physicians have a choice when referring our patients to receive necessary specialty care. When it comes to dialysis, area patients currently only have one choice. Thusly, I request that the board approve U.S. Renal Care's applications to open 13-station ESRD facilities in Lemont and Plainfield.

As any medical professional can tell you, the need for dialysis has grown rapidly in recent history and trends indicate that such growth will continue. With the current options, patients may be unable to find times to dialyze that are convenient for them, their families and/or their caretakers.

Equally important to convenient access is a patient's right to choice when it comes to their care. Dialysis patients spend countless hours at these facilities every single week. As a result, every patient should have the ability to discuss their available options with their doctor and then make an educated choice about which facility will best accommodate their personal dialysis care needs. By approving U.S. Renal Care's proposals for new stations in Plainfield and Lemont, you will be giving local dialysis patients the ability to choose the kind of care that works best for them. Thank you for taking the time to consider my support.

Sincerely,



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Corwin Medical Care