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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

Please consider this letter in support of U.S. Renal Care's application for a dialysis treatment facility in the Village of Lemont. As the Executive Director of Franciscan Village, a Continuing Care Retirement Community, I understand the need for such a facility in our area.

Franciscan Village has been a part of the community for over twenty-five years. I have personally seen the population of Lemont grow over the last several years, both in number and in age. This growing population has assisted in the growth of Franciscan Village, as well as other nursing and retirement communities in the area. Currently, there are no dialysis facilities in Lemont.

Residents in need of dialysis from Franciscan Village must go outside of Lemont to find dialysis services. Treatment of this type is very tiring for our residents and long appointments leave many very fatigued and unable to travel long distances on their own. Approval of a dialysis center in Lemont would ensure shorter trips not just for my residents and patients, but for all patients and their caregivers in the area.

We understand there is a demand for quality dialysis services in our community. Kidney disease rarely exists on its own and is frequently accompanied by other conditions, the most prevalent of which are diabetes and hypertension. As Lemont's population continues to grow and age, these conditions will also increase, resulting in a higher rate of kidney disease. Beyond transplantation, dialysis is the only way to keep kidney patients in relatively good health.

From a health standpoint, residents of Franciscan Village along with all of Lemont's population deserve access to quality renal disease treatment options. Franciscan Village fully supports U.S. Renal Care's endeavor to open a treatment facility in Lemont and we encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve their application.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Coon
Executive Director

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